



## 2022 State Legislative Session Wrap-Up

The following pieces of legislation related to NOHD programs or issue areas were approved by the state legislature in the 2022 regular legislative session and signed by the Governor. All take effect on **August 1, 2022** unless otherwise noted below.

Links provided to the full text for each bill below. Please reach out to Jeanie if you have questions about specific bills: [Jeanie.donovan@nola.gov](mailto:Jeanie.donovan@nola.gov)

### Behavioral Health

[Act 137/HB 212](#) - Excludes rapid fentanyl test strips from the state's legal definition of "drug paraphernalia"

[Act 457/HB 278](#) – Requires insurance coverage of the psychiatric collaborative care model

[Act 151/HB 334](#) - Provides requirements for employment of peer support specialists with behavioral health services providers

[Act 382/HB 335](#) – Identifies a person who is unable to protect themselves from serious physical harm or psychiatric deterioration as gravely disabled.

[Act 643/HB 495](#) - Requires the implementation of suicide prevention and student safety and violence and social isolation prevention training and the creation of clubs at certain public schools. **Effective date: July 1, 2023.**

[Act 341/HB 582](#) - Joins Louisiana to the licensed professional counselors interstate compact

[Act 390/HB 709](#) – Authorizes behavioral health services providers to furnish outpatient psychiatric services to established clients and patients regardless of those persons' location within the state

[Act 225/HB 601](#) - Provides for legal immunity for certain actions involving drug-related overdoses

[Act 189/HB 826](#) - Includes addiction counselors and other behavioral health providers within the definition of "healthcare provider" in the La. Telehealth Access Act

[Act 650/HB 981](#) – Requires mental health instruction to public school students in grades kindergarten through twelve

[Act 503/SB 213](#) – Amends the definitions of and requirements for behavioral health rehabilitation services provided through the state's Medicaid program. **Effective date: January 1, 2023**

[Act 671/SB 315](#) – Creates new crimes and penalties for the distribution of heroin, heroin analogues, fentanyl or carfentanil that results in serious bodily injury



## Chronic Disease

[Act 199/HB 1](#) – Allocates \$889,000 for a statewide SNAP Market Match program to be administered by Market Umbrella

[Act 709/HB 567](#) - Creates the Lifestyle Choices pilot program, a fresh food school lunch pilot program

[Act 724/HB 677](#) - Requires a health coverage plan to limit an enrollee's cost-sharing amount to \$75.00 for a 30-day prescription of insulin

[Act 241/SB 257](#) – Requires the Louisiana Medicaid program to cover continuous glucose monitors for enrollees with any type of diabetes with the use of insulin more than twice daily or evidence of level 2 or 3 hypoglycemia or has glycogen storage disease type 1a, provided the enrollees attend required follow up visits

[Act 670/SB 298](#) - Requires the Louisiana Department of Health to annually review medications, forms of treatment, and services for care of Medicaid enrollees with sickle cell disease

## Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

[Act 367/HB 63](#) – Exempts an entity that provides services to victims of domestic violence or human trafficking from providing a physical address when requesting funding from the state.

[Act 207/HB 313](#) - Provides for the rights and eligibility for services of victims of criminal offenses

[Act 540/SB 147](#) - Provides for sexual assault survivors to have access to certain documents from the forensic medical exam

[Act 621/HB 409](#) - Prohibits the issuance of a summons in lieu of an arrest for certain domestic violence crimes

[Act 513/HB 1061](#) – Related to procedures for providing emergency contraception to victims of sexually-oriented criminal offenses. **Effective date: January 1, 2023**

[Act 484/HB 585](#) – Requires reporting of certain firearm transfer data to the La. Commission on Law Enforcement

[Act 75/SB 66](#) - Increases penalties for violation of a protective order when committed while in possession of a firearm

[Act 180/SB 94](#) – Provides certain requirements for school instruction on child assault awareness and prevention and requires schools to provide an annual report to LDOE on such instruction. **Effective date: May 31, 2022.**

[Act 662/SB 63](#) – Details the required duties of the Department of Children and Family Services regarding victims of child sex trafficking. **Effective date: January 1, 2023**

[Act 416/SB 255](#) - Provides that failure to appear at a hearing for a protective order does not, in and of itself, constitute grounds for assessing costs and fees against a victim of domestic abuse. **Effective date: June 15, 2022**

[Act 689/SB 297](#) – Requires the Board of Regents to collaborate with the Louisiana Power-Based Violence Review Panel to provide an annual report to the Senate and House Selected Committee on Women & Children. **Effective Date: June 18, 2022**



## Emergency Preparedness

[Act 479/HB 291](#) - Requires all nursing homes to maintain in effect emergency preparedness plans approved by the La. Department of Health

[Act 706/HB 524](#) - Establishes a program for needs assessment and coordination of services for people with disabilities affected by disasters. **Effective upon specific appropriation of funding by the Legislature for the provisions of the Act.**

[Act 738/HB 701](#) - Requires the approval of the governing authority of the parish or municipality before a declaration of a state of emergency may continue for a period exceeding 90 days

[Act 526/HB 1052](#) – Establishes the Hazard Mitigation Revolving Loan fund to be administered by the Governor’s office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for the purpose of providing financial assistance for projects that reduce disaster risks

[Act 253/SB 33](#) – Requires nursing homes to have generator or LDH-approved alternate power source in the event of the loss of primary electrical power. **Effective date: June 3, 2022.**

[Act 597/SB 167](#) - Requires nursing homes to submit emergency preparedness plans and establishes requirements for inspection of nursing home primary and alternative sheltering sites

## Healthcare Workforce

[Act 461/HB 312](#) - Enacts reforms to address workplace violence in healthcare settings

## Maternal & Child Health

[Act 188/HB 784](#) – Requires universal perinatal mood disorder screening for primary care doctors

[Act 309/SB 268](#) – Requires substance use disorder facilities that treat pregnant women to provide onsite access to at least one form of FDA-approved opioid agonist treatment

[Act 472/HB 516](#) - Requires each governing authority of a public high school to adopt policies regarding attendance, breastfeeding, and child care for students who are pregnant or parenting

[Act 488/HB 650](#) – Requires Medicaid coverage of human-donor breast milk for outpatient use upon prescription

[Act 589/ HB 651](#) – Requires private insurance coverage of human-donor breast milk for outpatient use upon prescription. Insurers must comply no later than January 1, 2024.

## Supportive Work Environments

[Act 170/HB 592](#) – Appropriates \$500,000 to the Louisiana Workforce Commission to conduct an actuarial study of options for state funded family and medical leave



## STIs/Reproductive Health

[Act 708/HB 557](#) - Requires Medicaid health plans to reimburse for a six-month supply of contraceptive drugs dispensed at one time

[Act 676/SB 116](#) – Creates the Office of Women’s Health within the Louisiana Department of Health. **Effective date: June 18, 2022**

[Act 545/SB 342](#) – Prohibits abortion in nearly all cases after “fertilization and implantation” and provides for criminal penalties for those who perform an abortion that is prohibited by the Act

[Act 548/SB 388](#) - Prohibits the sale of certain abortion-inducing drugs without a prescription and provides for criminal penalties