

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 717

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**MEDICAID: Provides relative to parishes eligible for the local healthcare provider participation program.**

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Present law creates within the state Medicaid program a local healthcare provider participation program for health services financing. Identifies parishes eligible for the program through population range references. Provides that population figures noted are those from most recent federal decennial census.

Proposed law revises present law as necessary to maintain geographic applicability of present law by updating population range references with figures from the 2020 U.S. Census.

Present law and proposed law apply exclusively to the following five parishes:

- (1) Any parish with a population of not less than 36,600 persons and not more than 37,500 persons according to the most recent federal decennial census (Webster Parish).
- (2) Any parish with a population of not less than 46,000 persons and not more than 48,500 persons according to the most recent federal decennial census (Lincoln Parish).
- (3) Any parish in which a rural institutional provider, as defined through population range references in present law and proposed law, is located (Evangeline, Jefferson Davis, and St. Landry parishes).

Present law defines "rural institutional provider" as a licensed hospital, other than one defined as a rural hospital by present law (R.S. 40:1189.3), that had no more than 60 hospital beds on Nov. 1, 2020, and meets the location criteria provided in present law.

Proposed law revises present law to include within the definition of "rural institutional provider" any licensed hospital, other than one defined as a rural hospital by present law (R.S. 40:1189.3), that meets the location criteria provided in present law and proposed law, existed on November 1, 2020, and has no more than 60 hospital beds.

Present law provides that monies in the local provider participation fund may be used only for one or more enumerated purposes, including to fund intergovernmental transfers from a parish to the state to provide the nonfederal share of a program of Medicaid payments for the benefit of rural institutional providers or other hospitals in the parish.

Proposed law expands the use of the monies to include payments to healthcare providers in the parish.

(Amends R.S. 40:1248.1(6), 1248.3(1) and (2), and 1248.7(C)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

- 1. Include within the definition of "rural institutional provider" provided in present law any licensed hospital, other than one defined as a rural hospital by present law (R.S. 40:1189.3), that meets the location criteria provided in present law and proposed law, existed on Nov. 1, 2020, and has no more than 60 hospital beds.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the engrossed bill

1. Expands the permissible use of monies in the local provider participation fund.
2. Makes technical changes.