Prior law established a facility need review process within the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to determine if there is a need for any new or additional healthcare facilities, providers, programs, services, or beds. New law revises prior law to specifically identify the providers that are subject to facility need review and to provide for all of the following:

1. The creation and composition of a facility need review committee within LDH.

2. The review process to be used by the committee.

3. The rights of applicants for licensure who are subject to facility need review.

New law provides that facility need review must be satisfied before a provider can proceed with licensure by LDH and Medicaid provider certification.

Prior law provided for a nursing facility moratorium and certain exceptions to the moratorium. New law retains and relocates these provisions and deletes certain obsolete provisions.

Prior law provided that the nursing facility moratorium shall be in effect until July 1, 2027. New law retains prior law and provides that nursing facilities are subject to facility need review in the absence of a moratorium.

Prior law provided for certain cost effective measures that may be accomplished through an LDH waiver. New law retains and relocates these provisions.

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