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SB 96 Reengrossed

2025 Regular Session

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Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health to reimburse Medicaid providers for mental health partial hospitalization program services provided to adult and geriatric patients at a licensed inpatient psychiatric hospital, if approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Proposed law further requires the La. Dept. of Health to be reimbursed at 100% of Medicare rates.

Implementation of proposed law is subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature for the reimbursement of partial hospitalization program services upon notification by the Secretary of La. Dept. of Health to JLCB that the department has identified available funds within its existing budget authority.

Effective July 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 46:460.77.4)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Requires CMS approval of the rates.

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

1. Remove provision requiring Medicaid reimbursement rates for services provided as part of a partial hospitalization program or intensive outpatient program to be 100% of Medicare rates, if approved by CMS.
2. Require the La. Dept. of Health to reimburse Medicaid providers for partial hospitalization program services provided to adult and geriatric patients at a licensed inpatient psychiatric hospital, if approved by CMS.
3. Require the La. Dept. of Health to determine the appropriate reimbursement rate for the services as provided for by a specific appropriation of funds by the legislature each year.
4. Provide that implementation of proposed law is subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature for this purpose.
5. Make technical corrections.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Require the La. Dept. of Health to reimburse Medicaid providers for mental health partial hospitalization program services and intensive outpatient services at 100% of the Medicare rates.

2. Add that implementation of proposed law can also be subject to the identification of available funds by the La. Dept. of Health within its existing budget capacity.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the reengrossed bill:

1. Remove intensive outpatient services as services eligible for reimbursement under proposed law.
2. Change the entity being reimbursed under proposed law from the department to providers.
3. Require the implementation of proposed law to be subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature for the reimbursement of partial hospitalization program services or upon notification by the Secretary of La. Dept. of Health to JLCB that the department has identified available funds within its existing budget authority.