

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 254 (HB 498)

2016 Regular Session

Pope

Existing law provides for licensure and regulation of pediatric day health care facilities, defined in existing law as follows:

""Pediatric day health care facility" means a facility that may operate 7 days a week, not to exceed 12 hours a day, to provide care for medically fragile children under the age of 21, including technology-dependent children who require close supervision. Care and services to be provided by the facility shall include but shall not be limited to nursing care; respiratory care; physical, speech, and occupational therapies; assistance with aids of daily living; transportation services; and education and training."

New law retains existing law.

New law requires the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) to implement a moratorium on additional licenses for pediatric day health care facilities.

New law provides that the moratorium shall apply only to applications for new facilities not approved prior to July 1, 2016. Provides that the moratorium shall become enforceable on July 1, 2016, and shall remain in effect until July 1, 2017.

New law provides that the moratorium shall not apply to replacement of existing facilities.

New law provides an exception to the moratorium in cases in which a prospective pediatric day health care facility certifies to DHH that it will accept no payment for services that is funded wholly or in part by state funds, including but not limited to reimbursement from the state Medicaid program. Provides that no pediatric day health care facility which DHH licenses pursuant to this exception may enroll as a Medicaid provider.

Effective July 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 40:2193.5)