
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes a local healthcare provider participation program to collect a mandatory payment from hospitals to be used to provide the nonfederal share of a Medicaid payment program directly benefitting the residents of the political subdivision.

Proposed law defines "institutional healthcare provider", "paying hospital", and "program".

Proposed law provides for limited application of proposed law.

Proposed law authorizes a political subdivision to adopt an order authorizing participation in a local healthcare provider participation program.

Proposed law requires the participating political subdivision to collect a mandatory payment from each institutional healthcare provider located in the political subdivision and deposit the fees in a local provider participation fund established by the political subdivision to be used to fund certain intergovernmental transfers and indigent care programs.

Proposed law authorizes a participating political subdivision to collect the mandatory payment only after an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the governing body made at a regular or special meeting held no less than 30 days following publication of notice in the official journal of the political subdivision of the political subdivision's intention to authorize the collection of a mandatory payment.

Proposed law requires a participating political subdivision to hold a public hearing on the amounts of any mandatory payments that the political subdivision intends to require during the year and how the revenue derived from those payments is to be spent.

Proposed law requires a participating political subdivision to designate, by resolution or other official action, one or more banks as the depository for mandatory payments received by the political subdivision.

Proposed law requires each participating political subdivision to create a local provider participation fund and sets forth the monies that shall compose the fund.

Proposed law requires the money deposited to the local provider participation fund to be used only for the following purposes:

- (1) Fund intergovernmental transfers from the political subdivision to the state to provide the nonfederal share of a program of Medicaid payments to hospitals in the political subdivision authorized under the state Medicaid plan.
- (2) Pay the administrative expenses of the political subdivision solely for activities conducted pursuant proposed law, in an amount not to exceed 5% of the mandatory payment.
- (3) Refund a portion of a mandatory payment collected in error from a paying hospital.
- (4) Refund to paying hospitals the proportionate share of money received by the political subdivision from the La. Dept. of Health that is not used to fund the nonfederal share of Medicaid payment program payments.

Proposed law prohibits money in the local provider participation fund from being commingled with other political subdivision funds.

Proposed law requires the annual mandatory payment to be assessed quarterly on the net patient revenue of each paying hospital located in the political subdivision.

Proposed law prohibits a paying hospital from adding a mandatory payment as a surcharge to a patient.

Proposed law requires the sheriff for the parish in which the political subdivision is located to collect the mandatory payment.

Proposed law requires a participating political subdivision to provide by rule for an alternative provision or procedure that conforms to the requirements of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services if any provision or procedure of proposed law causes a mandatory payment to be ineligible for federal matching funds.

(Adds R.S. 46:2640.1-2640.33)