
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires administrative rulemaking by the La. Dept. of Health to provide for continuity of care for persons receiving publicly funded healthcare services through federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, and the Medicaid managed care program.

Proposed law applies to the following healthcare providers:

- (1) Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs).
- (2) Rural health clinics.
- (3) Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs).

Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to provide through administrative rulemaking for care coordination and continuity of care for patients in the event that an FQHC or rural health clinic closes.

Proposed law requires LDH to provide through administrative rulemaking that each Medicaid MCO implement policies and procedures for care coordination and continuity of care for enrollees. Provides that, at minimum, the rules shall require that such policies and procedures include provisions to ensure that each enrollee has an ongoing source of preventive and primary care appropriate to his needs.

Proposed law authorizes LDH to establish, through administrative rules, procedures for any of the following:

- (1) Assisting an enrollee receiving treatment for chronic or acute medical conditions, or for behavioral health conditions, in transitioning to another provider when the enrollee's healthcare provider has terminated participation with the managed care organization.
- (2) Providing written notice of the termination of participation with a managed care organization by a provider to each enrollee who received his primary care from or was seen on a regular basis by the provider.

Proposed law requires the secretary of LDH to initiate the promulgation of rules required by proposed law through the notice of intent process provided for in present law (R.S. 49:953(A)) on or before Sept. 20, 2017.

Proposed law stipulates that prior to publishing a notice of intent for any rule required by proposed law, the secretary of LDH shall cause the notice to be transmitted to each member of the legislative committees on health and welfare.

Proposed law provides for redesignation and organization by the La. State Law Institute of certain segments of present law and proposed law relative to FQHCs and rural health clinics.

(Adds R.S. 40:1186.1 and 1186.2 and R.S. 46:460.53)