
DIGEST

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HCR 6 Reengrossed

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Provides for a hospital stabilization formula pursuant to Art. VII, §10.13 of the Constitution of La., including assessments and reimbursement enhancements.

Requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to calculate, collect, and levy an assessment from hospitals not to exceed the lesser of one of the following:

- (1) The state portion of the cost of the reimbursement enhancements from the payment for healthcare services through the implementation of Medicaid expansion which are directly attributable to payments to hospitals, excluding any federal financial participation and supplemental Medicaid payments.
- (2) 1% of the total net patient revenue of all hospitals included in the assessment, as reported in the Medicare cost report ending in state FY 2015.

Exempts rural hospitals from the assessment. Also exempts facilities prohibited from participating in the Medicare Program from the assessment, subject to the approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and LDH.

Provides for the assessment if the following occur:

- (1) The applicable federal financial participation for newly eligible Medicaid recipients under Medicaid expansion is less than 100%.
- (2) LDH submits a Medicaid assessment report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

Provides for reimbursement enhancements as follows:

- (1) Payment for healthcare services through the implementation of Medicaid expansion.
- (2) Payment of hospital reimbursement rates in an amount no less than the greater of the following:
 - (a) The reimbursement rates in effect for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2018.
 - (b) For dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2019, outpatient reimbursement rates which

were in effect on June 30, 2009, or Sept. 30, 2009.

Requires LDH to quarterly publish a report that includes total Medicaid enrollment, average monthly Medicaid managed care premium rates, aggregate claims by provider, and the total amount of hospital claims by hospital.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Relative to hospital reimbursement rates payable by the Dept. of Health and Hospitals, for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2019, change the payable rate from the outpatient reimbursement rates which were in effect on June 30, 2009 to those rates in effect on June 30, or Sept. 30, 2009.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Exempt certain facilities from the assessment, subject to the approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and LDH.