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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the La. Dept. of Health to request a waiver to offer a program to provide reimbursement for certain inpatient mental health services.

Proposed law declares that its purpose is to secure additional funding for much-needed enhancements to the mental health treatment system and provide effective mental health care to individuals with serious mental illness.

Proposed law defines terms to be used throughout proposed law.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the La. Dept. of Health to submit a Section 1115 demonstration waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to authorize a program to provide Medicaid reimbursement for inpatient treatment of serious mental illness in hospitals and psychiatric facilities.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the La. Dept. of Health to file the requisite application for instituting the program with the federal Medicaid agency on or before July 1, 2021.

(Adds R.S. 46:460.101-460.103)