

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 717

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN

MEDICAID: Provides relative to parishes eligible for the local healthcare provider participation program

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1248.1(6) and 1248.3(1) and (2), relative to financing by the  
3 state Medicaid program of health services in certain parishes; to provide with respect  
4 to a local healthcare provider participation program; to designate the parishes in  
5 which the program may be operated; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:1248.1(6) and 1248.3(1) and (2) are hereby amended and  
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §1248.1. Definitions

10 As used in this Subpart, the following terms have the meaning ascribed to  
11 them in this Section:

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13 (6) "Rural institutional provider" means a hospital, other than one defined  
14 in R.S. 40:1189.3, that is licensed by the department, ~~has~~; either had no more than  
15 sixty hospital beds on November 1, 2020; or existed on November 1, 2020 and has  
16 no more than sixty hospital beds; and meets any of the following criteria:

17 (a) Is located in a municipality with a population of not less than ~~seven~~  
18 ~~thousand~~ six thousand persons and not more than ~~seven thousand five hundred six~~  
19 thousand five hundred persons according to the most recent federal decennial census  
20 and in a parish with a population of not less than thirty thousand persons and not

1 more than thirty-five thousand persons according to the most recent federal decennial  
2 census.

3 (b) Is located in a municipality with a population of not less than ~~ten~~  
4 ~~thousand~~ nine thousand three hundred persons and not more than ~~ten thousand five~~  
5 ~~hundred~~ nine thousand eight hundred persons according to the most recent federal  
6 decennial census and in a parish with a population of not less than eighty thousand  
7 persons and not more than ninety thousand persons according to the most recent  
8 federal decennial census.

9 (c) Is located in a municipality with a population of not less than ~~three~~  
10 ~~thousand~~ two thousand nine hundred persons and not more than ~~three thousand five~~  
11 ~~hundred~~ three thousand three hundred fifty persons according to the most recent  
12 federal decennial census and in a parish with a population of not less than thirty  
13 thousand persons and not more than thirty-five thousand persons according to the  
14 most recent federal decennial census.

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16 §1248.3. Applicability

17 The provisions of this Subpart shall apply exclusively to the following  
18 parishes:

19 (1) Any parish with a population of not less than ~~forty thousand~~ thirty-six  
20 thousand six hundred persons and not more than ~~forty-two thousand~~ thirty-seven  
21 thousand five hundred persons according to the most recent federal decennial census.

22 (2) Any parish with a population of not less than forty-six thousand persons  
23 and not more than ~~forty-seven thousand~~ forty-eight thousand five hundred persons  
24 according to the most recent federal decennial census.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 717 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to parishes which are eligible for a local healthcare provider participation program within the state Medicaid program.

Present law creates within the state Medicaid program a local healthcare provider participation program for health services financing. Identifies parishes eligible for the program through population range references. Provides that population figures noted are those from most recent federal decennial census.

Proposed law revises present law as necessary to maintain geographic applicability of present law as originally enacted through Act No. 330 of the 2020 RS by updating population range references with figures from the 2020 U.S. Census.

Present law and proposed law apply exclusively to the following five parishes:

- (1) Any parish with a population of not less than 36,600 persons and not more than 37,500 persons according to the most recent federal decennial census (Webster Parish).
- (2) Any parish with a population of not less than 46,000 persons and not more than 48,500 persons according to the most recent federal decennial census (Lincoln Parish).
- (3) Any parish in which a rural institutional provider, as defined through population range references in present law and proposed law, is located (Evangeline, Jefferson Davis, and St. Landry parishes).

Present law defines "rural institutional provider" as a licensed hospital, other than one defined as a rural hospital by present law (R.S. 40:1189.3), that had no more than 60 hospital beds on Nov. 1, 2020, and meets the location criteria provided in present law.

Proposed law revises present law to include within the definition of "rural institutional provider" any licensed hospital, other than one defined as a rural hospital by present law (R.S. 40:1189.3), that meets the location criteria provided in present law and proposed law, existed on November 1, 2020, and has no more than 60 hospital beds.

(Amends R.S. 40:1248.1(6) and 1248.3(1) and (2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Include within the definition of "rural institutional provider" provided in present law any licensed hospital, other than one defined as a rural hospital by present law (R.S. 40:1189.3), that meets the location criteria provided in present law and proposed law, existed on Nov. 1, 2020, and has no more than 60 hospital beds.