

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 106

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAY MORRIS

MEDICAID: Requires legislative approval of certain changes in Medicaid eligibility standards

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 36:254(D)(1)(a)(iii), relative to powers and duties of the secretary of the  
3 Department of Health and Hospitals; to provide for duties of the secretary with  
4 respect to operation of the Medicaid program; to require legislative approval of  
5 certain changes to Medicaid eligibility standards; to provide for an effective date;  
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 36:254(D)(1)(a)(iii) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §254. Powers and duties of the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals

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11 D.(1)(a)

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13 (iii) Notwithstanding any provision of law or regulation to the contrary, the  
14 secretary shall not implement any expansion or other modification of Medical  
15 Assistance Program eligibility standards which would have the effect of increasing  
16 the number of persons enrolled in the program over the number enrolled on March  
17 31, 2016, unless the proposed change in eligibility standards has been approved by  
18 the House Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Health and  
19 Welfare, and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

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1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2016; if vetoed by the governor  
2 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
3 2016, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires approval of an expansion of Medicaid eligibility standards by the legislative committees on health and welfare and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

Present law provides for powers and duties of the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), including duties with respect to operation of the medical assistance program of the state commonly known as Medicaid. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law prohibits the secretary of DHH from implementing any expansion or other modification of Medicaid eligibility standards which would have the effect of increasing the number of persons enrolled in the program over the number enrolled on March 31, 2016, unless the proposed change in eligibility standards has been approved by the legislative committees on health and welfare and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

Effective July 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 36:254(D)(1)(a)(iii))