

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 282

BY SENATOR APPEL

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1518(A)(2), 1518.1(A)(2) and 1519.1(12), relative to the definition of "medically indigent" in the context of the provision of health care services; to provide for a definition; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:1518(A)(2), 1518.1(A)(2) and 1519.1(12) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1518. E. A. Conway Medical Center; merger with Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport

A. * * *

(2) The medical center shall be operated primarily for the medical care of the uninsured and medically indigent, **as defined in R.S. 17:1519.1(12)**, residents of the state and others in need of medical care and as a teaching institution. ~~"Medically indigent" means any person below two hundred percent of the Federal Poverty Level and uninsured.~~

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§1518.1. Huey P. Long Medical Center; merger with Louisiana State University

1 Health Sciences Center at Shreveport

2 A. * * *

3 (2) The Huey P. Long Medical Center shall be operated primarily for the
4 medical care of the uninsured and medically indigent, **as defined in R.S.**
5 **17:1519.1(12)**, residents of the state and others in need of medical care and as a
6 teaching institution. ~~For purposes of this Section, "medically indigent" means any~~
7 ~~person whose household income is below two hundred percent of the federal poverty~~
8 ~~level and who is uninsured.~~

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10 §1519.1. Definitions

11 As used in this Subpart, the terms defined in this Section shall have the
12 meanings herein given to them, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise.

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14 (12) "Medically indigent" means any person whose income is below ~~two~~
15 ~~hundred~~ **one hundred thirty-eight** percent of the federal poverty level and who is
16 uninsured.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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Present law in the context of the hospitals under the supervision of the Louisiana State University in Shreveport, "medically indigent" is defined as any person whose income is below 200% of the federal poverty level and who is uninsured.

Proposed law redefines "medically indigent" as any person whose income is below 138% of the federal poverty level and who is uninsured.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 17:1518(A)(2), 1518.1(A)(2) and 1519.1(12))