

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HCR 51****2016 Regular Session****Barras**

HOSPITALS: Provides for a hospital stabilization formula

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Excludes hospitals meeting the definition of a rural hospital from the assessment.
2. Extends the effective period for the hospital stabilization assessment and reimbursement enhancements from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2019.
3. Adds a clause for the severability of the provisions of the Resolution.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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

Requires the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH) to calculate, collect, and levy an assessment from hospitals equal to the lesser of one of the following:

- (1) The state portion of the cost, excluding any federal financial participation, of the reimbursement enhancements from the payment for health care services through the implementation of Medicaid expansion which are directly attributable to payments to hospitals.
- (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.

Further provides for the allocation of the assessment to each assessed hospital based on a pro rata calculation. Authorizes the DHH to exclude hospitals that meet the definition of rural hospitals from the assessment.

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) DHH submits a medicaid assessment report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) at least 30 days before seeking approval of the assessment from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- (3) The JLCB does not reject the report within 30 days of receiving the report.

Provides for reimbursement enhancements as follows:

- (1) Payment for health care services through the implementation of Medicaid expansion.
- (2) Effective Jan. 1, 2017, provided that the DHH implements a hospital stabilization assessment, for hospitals subject to a rate reduction after Dec. 31, 2010, payment of hospital inpatient and outpatient reimbursement rates which were in effect on Dec. 31, 2010, or rates that were in effect on June 30, 2013, whichever is greater.

Requires DHH 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.

Provides that the hospital stabilization assessment and reimbursement enhancements are effective until July 1, 2019.