

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 922

2016 Regular Session

Hensgens

NURSING HOMES: Revises provider fees assessed on nursing homes by the Department of Health and Hospitals

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Extends the scope of application of present law relative to the La. Medical Assistance Trust Fund to all healthcare provider fees authorized by law and requires the state treasurer to establish a separate account within the fund for each provider group.
2. Authorizes the allocation of monies in the fund only if the appropriation is eligible for federal financial participation under the Medicaid program.
3. Requires DHH to expend monies deposited into each account only for the reimbursement of services in the Medicaid program to the provider group that paid the fee into the account in any fiscal year.
4. Updates reporting requirements to require the state treasurer to submit quarterly reports to DHH and JLCB on the status and utilization of the funds from each separate account and for DHH to submit quarterly reports to JLCB on the expenditure of funds from each separate account.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law establishes fees to be imposed on certain healthcare service providers. Present law further sets the maximum fee for nursing facilities at \$10.00 per occupied bed per day.

Proposed law changes the maximum fee amount to the percentage of net patient service revenues permitted by federal regulations as determined by the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH) on a per occupied bed per day basis.

Present law prohibits DHH from imposing any new fee or increasing any fee on any nursing home without prior approval of the specific fee amount by record vote of a majority of the elected members of each house of the legislature while in session.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law establishes the La. Medical Assistance Trust Fund as a special fund in the state treasury comprising monies generated by the fees on certain providers of healthcare services enumerated in present law. Further requires a separate account within the fund for each provider group.

Proposed law extends the application of present law to all fees on healthcare providers authorized by law and requires the state treasurer to establish a separate account within the fund.

Present law requires the monies in the fund to be allocated, with accompanying federal matching money, to each of the healthcare provider groups in proportion to the amount of fees collected in each account, based upon fees established by DHH pursuant to present law.

Proposed law requires the legislature to allocate monies in the fund from the separate accounts only if the appropriation is eligible for federal financial participation under the Medicaid program. Requires DHH to expend monies deposited into each account only for

the reimbursement of services to the provider group that paid the fee into the account in any fiscal year and provides that any expenditure from the separate accounts for a purpose other than medical assistance payments for the providers paying the fee shall be void.

Present law prohibits the use of the monies in the fund to displace, replace, or supplant appropriations from the state general fund for the Medicaid program below the amount of state general fund appropriations to DHH for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the state treasurer to report the status of the fund and its accounts at least quarterly to the secretary of DHH and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB).

Proposed law requires the state treasurer to report the status and utilization of the fund and the separate accounts quarterly to the secretary of the DHH and the JLCB. Further requires DHH to report on the expenditure of funds out of each separate account in the fund quarterly to the JLCB.

(Amends R.S. 46:2623 and 2625(A)(1)(intro. para.) and (a); Repeals R.S. 46:2625(B))