

**RÉSUMÉ DIGEST****ACT 305 (HB 662)****2016 Regular Session****Barras**

Existing law authorizes provider fees to be paid by certain healthcare providers.

New law establishes a provider fee for emergency ground ambulance service providers.

New law prohibits the amount of the initial fee from exceeding the total cost to the state of providing the healthcare service subject to the fee and prohibits the amount of the fees imposed from exceeding 1.5% of the net operating revenue of emergency ground ambulance service providers.

New law provides for the disposition of the fee including the deposit of the collected fees into the state treasury with the required amount credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund prior to the state treasurer placing the remaining amount into the Ground Ambulance Service Provider Trust Fund Account within the La. Medical Assistance Trust Fund.

New law provides for the use of the collected fees to pay enhanced reimbursements to emergency ground ambulance service providers.

New law establishes the procedure for changing the fee amount after the first year and prohibits the subsequent assessment from exceeding 3.5% of the net operating revenue of emergency ground ambulance service providers.

New law provides for the termination of the fee collection and the return of monies collected.

New law requires the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to promulgate all necessary rules and regulations, submit any necessary Medicaid state plan amendments no later than 90 days after the effective date of new law, and take all other actions as are necessary to institute the assessments and reimbursement enhancements provided for in new law.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 2, 2016).

(Adds R.S. 46:2625.1)