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DIGEST

SB 88 Engrossed

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<u>Proposed law</u> creates rural health clinic look-alike entities, a new Medicaid provider type designation, in any parish with a population greater than thirty-nine thousand and less than forty-one thousand, according to the latest federal decennial census. <u>Proposed law</u> establishes that a rural health clinic look-alike may be physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician assistants that do not meet the federal criteria of rural health clinic, but are within two miles of a location that would satisfy the criteria. <u>Proposed law</u> mandates Medicaid reimbursement for rural health clinic look-alike providers at the rate established for rural health clinics if reimbursement is implemented through federal matching funds.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the Louisiana Department of Health shall submit a written report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget no later than October 1, 2017, with a status update on implementation of <u>proposed law</u>.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Adds R.S. 46:460.72)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

- 1. Limits bill applicability to any parish with a population greater than thirty-nine thousand and less than forty-one thousand, according to the latest federal decennial census.
- 2. Changes physical location <u>from</u> less than three miles <u>to</u> less than two miles from a location where the health care provider would have otherwise satisfied the requirements of a rural health clinic.
- 3. Identifies physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician's assistants as provider types eligible for enhanced Medicaid reimbursement as a rural health clinic look-alike.
- 4. Clarifies that legislative intent is to pay these providers a certain minimum Medicaid reimbursement rate if it can be implemented with federal Medicaid matching funds.

5. Requires the Louisiana Department of Health to submit a report by October 1, 2017, regarding status of implementation.