

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2018 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Hewitt to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 400 by Senator Hewitt

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 58, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

3 "Section 22.A. There is hereby created in the state treasury the Medicaid
4 Account for the Elderly, hereinafter referred to as the "account". The Louisiana
5 Department of Health shall notify the state treasurer when the Centers for Medicare
6 and Medicaid Services have approved the abolishment of the Medicaid Trust Fund
7 for the Elderly, at which time the state treasurer shall transfer any cash balances
8 remaining in the Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly to the account. Monies in the
9 account shall be invested by the treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state
10 general fund. Upon all the monies in the account being expended, the account shall
11 expire and be abolished.

12 B. Monies in the account may be appropriated each fiscal year for services
13 of the state Medicaid program:

14 (1) For providing for a wage enhancement for direct care personnel working
15 in Medicaid certified nursing homes in accordance with a plan established by the
16 Louisiana Department of Health and representatives of the nursing facility industry.
17 The plan shall provide for a direct pass-through of the costs of such wage
18 enhancement in a manner to ensure that the nursing home rate is adjusted to reflect
19 the full costs of such wage enhancement.

20 (2) For appropriations solely and exclusively for services of the state
21 Medicaid program that are subject to federal financial participation in matching
22 funds.

23 (3) The re-basing of nursing homes in accordance with the approved state
24 Medicaid plan.

25 (4) The development and funding of a case mix reimbursement system for the
26 Medicaid nursing home program.

27 (5) The reimbursement of any monies deposited into the fund as a result of
28 over payments of federal funds.

29 Section 23.A. There is hereby created in the state treasury the Health
30 Account, hereinafter referred to as the "account". The Louisiana Department of
31 Health shall notify the state treasurer when the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
32 Services have approved the abolishment of the Health Trust Fund, at which time the
33 state treasurer shall transfer any cash balances remaining in the Health Trust Fund
34 to the account. Monies in the account shall be invested by the treasurer in the same
35 manner as monies in the state general fund. Upon all the monies in the account being
36 expended, the account shall expire and be abolished.

37 B. Appropriations from the account shall be used and expended under the
38 supervision of the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, hereinafter
39 referred to as the "department", and shall be restricted to the purposes of enhancing
40 the provision of appropriate health care to Louisiana's Medicaid and LaCHIP
41 beneficiaries and the medically indigent by:

42 (1) Directing reimbursement to local providers of primary and preventive
43 health care for the medically indigent in their communities.

44 (2) Expanding eligibility for uninsured children, parents of children who are
45 recipients of Medicaid and LaCHIP, and pregnant women, and expanding the
46 availability of services provided to them.

47 (3) Workforce development initiatives to increase access to primary and
48 preventive health care services by supporting education and placement of physicians
49 and other medical professionals in medically underserved areas, including but not
50 limited to the State Loan Repayment Program, physician salary subsidies, and health
51 education scholarships.

1 (4) Initiatives to provide primary and preventive health services, including
2 but not limited to immunizations; maternal and child health; nutritional counseling;
3 family planning; diagnosis, management, and treatment of HIV/AIDS; diagnosis,
4 management and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases; women, infants, and
5 children (WIC) nutritional services; genetic disease services; and other services as
6 may be identified by the secretary through rules. Notwithstanding any other
7 provision of this Chapter to the contrary, primary and preventive health care services
8 shall not include any functions of the department relating to environmental health
9 such as sanitarian services, drinking water, commercial body art regulations, sanitary
10 code mandates, disease surveillance activities, and vital records and statistics.

11 (5) Funding for initiatives which increase the availability of primary care
12 services, especially to the uninsured citizens of the state, including but not limited
13 to, providing funding to match federal grants for community health centers, funding
14 for primary care clinics in rural hospitals, for operation of hospital service district
15 facilities, or in medically underserved areas which treat the uninsured, and funding
16 to integrate new and existing systems such as telemedicine and development of
17 referral systems."

18 AMENDMENT NO. 2

19 On page 58, line 20, change "Section 22" to "Section 24"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 3

21 On page 59, line 2, after "977.13," delete the remainder of the line, delete line 3, and insert
22 "1816,"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 4

24 On page 59, line 13, change "Section 23" to "Section 25"

25 AMENDMENT NO. 5

26 On page 59, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

27 "Section 26. Chapter 54 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
28 1950, comprised of R.S. 46:2691 and 2692, and 2742(D) are hereby repealed in their
29 entirety.
30 Section 27. R.S. 46:2731 is hereby repealed in its entirety."

31 AMENDMENT NO. 6

32 On page 59, line 14, change "Section 24" to "Section 28"

33 AMENDMENT NO. 7

34 On page 59, line 16, change "14" to "21, 24 and 25"

35 AMENDMENT NO. 8

36 On page 59, line 18, change "Section 25" to "Section 29"

37 AMENDMENT NO. 9

38 On page 59, line 20, change "Section 23" to "Section 25"

39 AMENDMENT NO. 10

40 On page 59, line 22, change "Section 23" to "Section 25"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 11

2 On page 59, at the end of line 22, insert the following:

3 "Sections 22, 23, 26, and 27 of this Act shall become effective upon approval of the
4 elimination of the Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly by the Centers for Medicare
5 and Medicaid Services."

6 AMENDMENT NO. 6

7 Delete Amendment No. 19 in the set of Senate Floor Amendments, proposed by Senator
8 Hewitt and adopted by the Senate on April 30, 2018, designated as SFBNSB400GUILLOTJ.

9 AMENDMENT NO. 13

10 On page 59, line 23, change "12 through 22, 24, and 25" to "12 through 21, 24, and 28"