

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 390****2019 Regular Session****White**

MEDICAID: Relative to reimbursement rates paid to providers of disability services

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Stipulates that any reduction in disability rates to providers must be approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Proposed law requires the La. Department of Health (LDH) to maintain reliable data in a form that permits ongoing monitoring of trending factors that may affect the sufficiency of reimbursement rates paid to providers of Medicaid-funded services for people with disabilities.

Proposed law allows LDH to require reasonable, periodic financial reports from providers as needed to ensure the availability of reliable cost data. Requires the department to consult and collaborate with providers to develop reasonable financial reporting requirements.

Proposed law authorizes LDH to conduct annual reviews of all Medicaid reimbursement rates by disability service category and make a determination of sufficiency of each rate based on a review of all pertinent data.

Proposed law stipulates that any reduction in disability rates to providers must be approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

Proposed law requires LDH to provide a written report concerning Medicaid reimbursement rates for disability service providers to the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, and the legislative committees on health and welfare no later than 45 days prior to the convening of each regular session of the legislature. Specifies content that the department shall include in the report.

(Adds R.S. 40:1250.1-1250.21)