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DIGEST

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Proposed law establishes an enhanced Medicaid reimbursement rate for hospitals that triage nonemergent Medicaid recipients presenting at the hospital emergency department to a hospital primary care clinic when such transition is appropriate. Proposed law provides for an attestation by the hospital of the percentage of nonemergent Medicaid recipient emergency department volume that was successfully transitioned to the hospital primary care clinic.

Proposed law provides for a graduated benchmark over the course of three years where a hospital could earn enhanced Medicaid reimbursement in the amount of 30% for professional services provided by the hospital for each year of achieving the benchmark reductions in volume.

Proposed law provides that hospitals that advertise wait times or allow for advance appointment scheduling for emergency department visits and hospitals that do not predominantly treat Medicaid recipients in their primary care clinic are not eligible for the enhanced Medicaid reimbursement rate.

Proposed law provides that funding for the enhanced Medicaid reimbursement rate comes in part from the savings achieved by paying for fewer costly nonemergent Medicaid recipient emergency department visits.

Proposed law authorizes LDH to promulgate rules to implement proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2020.

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