
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires that Medicaid rates paid to physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice registered nurses for primary care services be at least equal to the Medicare rates for those services.

Proposed law requires that in administering the Medicaid program of this state, the La. Department of Health (LDH) shall ensure that Medicaid reimbursement rates paid to the following types of healthcare providers for delivery of primary care services are at least equal to the provider reimbursement rates paid by Medicare for those services:

- (1) Physicians.
- (2) Physician assistants.
- (3) Advanced practice registered nurses.

Proposed law provides that, for its purposes, "primary care" means routine healthcare services delivered by clinicians who are accountable for addressing a large majority of personal healthcare needs, developing a sustained partnership with patients, and practicing in the context of family and community. Provides that "primary care" includes, without limitation, screening, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment for the purpose of promoting a person's health and detecting and managing a person's disease or injury.

Proposed law requires LDH to promulgate all such administrative rules as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 40:1244.1 and 1244.2)