

2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 176

BY SENATOR MCMATH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:450.4, relative to the Louisiana Medical Assistance Program; to provide for Medicaid reimbursement paid to health care providers for COVID-19 testing; to provide for reimbursement under the Louisiana Medical Assistance Program; to provide for claim and billing procedures; to provide for separate reimbursement for COVID-19 testing; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:450.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§450.4. COVID-19 testing; reimbursement

A. The Louisiana Medical Assistance Program shall reimburse Medicaid claims of health care providers performing clinical diagnostic laboratory tests for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 or the diagnosis of the virus that causes COVID-19 in an amount no less than what is paid pursuant to the Medicare Part B Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and any applicable guidance issued by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services.

B. The Louisiana Medical Assistance Program shall recognize and pay for the use of all codes Medicare utilizes for the use of high-throughput

