

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

1 technologies and shall pay for all claims for clinical diagnostic laboratory tests
 2 for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 or the diagnosis of the virus that causes
 3 COVID-19 in addition to any case rate or per diem associated with other health
 4 care services being provided in conjunction with the performance of clinical
 5 diagnostic laboratory tests for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 or the diagnosis of
 6 the virus that causes COVID-19.

7 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 8 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 9 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 10 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 11 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

DIGEST

SB 176 Engrossed

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Proposed law requires the Louisiana Medicaid program to reimburse health care providers for performing clinical diagnostic COVID-19 laboratory tests. Reimbursement must be at least what is reimbursed by the Medicare Part B Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and any applicable guidance issued by the CMS.

Proposed law requires the Louisiana Medical Assistance Program to recognize and pay for the use of all codes Medicare utilizes for COVID-19 testing and reimburse the health care provider for the test in addition to the case rate or per diem associated with other health care services being provided at the same time.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 46:450.4)