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Abstract: Provides relative to parishes which are eligible for a local healthcare provider participation program within the state Medicaid program.

<u>Present law</u> creates within the state Medicaid program a local healthcare provider participation program for health services financing. Identifies parishes eligible for the program through population range references. Provides that population figures noted are those from most recent federal decennial census.

<u>Proposed law</u> revises <u>present law</u> as necessary to maintain geographic applicability of <u>present law</u> as originally enacted through Act No. 330 of the 2020 RS by updating population range references with figures from the 2020 U.S. Census.

<u>Present law</u> and <u>proposed law</u> apply exclusively to the following five parishes:

- (1) Any parish with a population of not less than 36,600 persons and not more than 37,500 persons according to the most recent federal decennial census (Webster Parish).
- (2) Any parish with a population of not less than 46,000 persons and not more than 48,500 persons according to the most recent federal decennial census (Lincoln Parish).
- (3) Any parish in which a rural institutional provider, as defined through population range references in <u>present law</u> and <u>proposed law</u>, is located (Evangeline, Jefferson Davis, and St. Landry parishes).

(Amends R.S. 40:1248.1(6) and 1248.3(1) and (2))