SENATE BILL NO. 30

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1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2116 and to enact R.S. 40:2009.4(C), 2116.1, 2116.2, and
3	2180.2(12), relative to facility need review; to provide legislative authority for
4	facility need review; to provide for healthcare provider types subject to facility need
5	review; to provide for the facility need review committee; to provide for a nursing
6	facility moratorium; to provide for exceptions; to provide for cost effective
7	measures; to provide for notice of sex offenders living in certain facilities; and to
8	provide for related matters.
9	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
10	Section 1. R.S. 40:2116 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:2009.4(C),
11	2116.1, 2116.2, and 2180.2(12) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
12	§2009.4. Standards prescribed
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14	C. The Louisiana Department of Health shall develop and implement
15	policies and procedures to require nursing facilities to notify new residents and
16	their families and guardians of sex offenders living in their facilities upon
17	admission. The notification shall continue for as long as the information is
18	considered a public record. During the annual licensing process, health
19	standards surveyors shall verify the providers' compliance with the policy.
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21	PART II-A. FACILITY NEED REVIEW
22	AND NURSING FACILITY MORATORIUM
23	§2116. Facility need review
24	A. The Louisiana Department of Health, in accordance with the
25	Administrative Procedure Act, shall establish shall implement a facility need review

1	process consistent with the regulations for licensure and for Title XIX of the Social
2	Security Act in accordance with the provisions of this Section. The department
3	may institute facility need review on licensing or certification to participate in
4	the Title XIX program. Except as provided in R.S. 40:2116.1, no healthcare
5	provider shall be subject to facility need review unless authorized by the
6	legislature in Subsection B of this Section.
7	B. The following healthcare providers shall be subject to facility need
8	review to determine the need for a new or additional facility, provider,
9	program, service, or bed:
10	(1) Home- and community-based service providers. However, certain
11	services or modules of a home- and community-based service provider may be
12	excluded from the facility need review process at the discretion of the secretary
13	of the Louisiana Department of Health.
14	(2) Hospice providers or inpatient hospice facilities.
15	(3) Pediatric day health care facilities.
16	(4) Behavioral health services providers that provide psychosocial
17	rehabilitation or community psychiatric support and treatment services.
18	(5) Opioid treatment programs licensed under a behavioral health
19	services provider license.
20	(6) Intermediate care facilities for people with developmental disabilities.
21	C.(1) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health shall appoint
22	a facility need review committee, "FNR committee", that shall consist of the
23	following members:
24	(a) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.
25	(b) The assistant secretary of the office of behavioral health of the
26	Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.
27	(c) The assistant secretary of the office for citizens with developmental
28	disabilities of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.
29	(d) The assistant secretary of the office of aging and adult services of the
30	Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.

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1	(e) The assistant secretary of the office of public health of the Louisiana
2	Department of Health or his designee.
3	(f) The Medicaid director of the Louisiana Department of Health or his
4	designee.
5	(g) The Medicaid medical director of the Louisiana Department of
6	Health or his designee.
7	(2) In addition to the members set forth in Paragraph (1) of this
8	Subsection, the secretary may appoint additional members to the FNR
9	committee when necessary in reviewing applications of opioid treatment
10	programs.
11	(3) No FNR committee member shall have a proprietary or financial
12	interest in any facility subject to facility need review.
13	(4) The FNR committee shall issue a decision on a facility need review
14	application within ninety days from receipt of the application or within the
15	deadlines established in a request for proposals or request for applications.
16	(5)(a) An applicant for facility need review shall provide all written
17	application materials and documentation as may be required by rule. The
18	applicant may include any additional written documentation or written
19	evidence that supports the application for facility need review.
20	(b) Unless otherwise stated in a specific request for proposals or request
21	for applications, the initial review and decision by the FNR committee shall
22	consider all written materials and documentation submitted by the applicant
23	and shall be conducted as a paper review.
24	(c)(i) Unless otherwise stated in a specific request for proposals or
25	request for applications, if the initial decision is to reject or deny the facility
26	need review application, then the applicant may request to supplement the
27	application.
28	(ii) Upon receipt of additional documentation and evidence from the
29	applicant, the FNR committee shall conduct a supplemental application review
30	and shall provide the applicant an opportunity to meet with the FNR committee

1	or its designees as part of the review. The meeting may be conducted in-person
2	or, at the discretion of the Louisiana Department of Health, through virtual
3	means, including by telephone or virtual technology that facilitates synchronous
4	interaction.
5	(iii) After a meeting conducted pursuant to Item (ii) of this
6	Subparagraph, the applicant may submit additional documentation and
7	evidence for consideration during the supplemental application review.
8	(iv) The decision on the supplemental application review shall be made
9	by the FNR committee.
10	(d) If the facility need review application is rejected or denied after the
11	supplemental application review, the applicant may request an administrative
12	appeal of the FNR committee's decision with the division of administrative law
13	in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. The applicant is not
14	required to request a supplemental review and may elect to proceed directly to
15	an administrative appeal.
16	(6) If the FNR committee approves the facility need review application,
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1	(3) Specific duties of the department and the FNR committee relative to
2	review proposals for new facilities and determine the need therefor of applications.
3	(4) Appropriate methodology for the collection of data necessary for the
4	administration of the program.
5	(5) Procedures for the FNR committee to grant and revoke approvals
6	approve, reject, or deny applications.
7	(6) Establishment of application fees.
8	(7) Procedures for a supplemental review of applications by the department
9	FNR committee.
10	(8) Procedures to request a fair hearing from a determination made by the
11	department FNR committee.
12	(9) Provisions for judicial review from the decision rendered after a fair
13	hearing an administrative appeal.
14	(10) Criteria for review of beds issued pursuant to a department waiver to
15	determine if there is a need for such beds to be licensed and enrolled in the Title XIX
16	program. Provided, however, that providers of services may be enrolled and
17	participate in such a Title XIX program only if and when the department develops
18	a cost-effective plan for medical residential care services that is cost neutral with
19	respect to existing Medicaid long-term care services and expenditures, or the
20	legislature specifically provides funding for such services. Establishment of
21	services and modules of a home- and community-based service provider that
22	will be subject to the facility need review process.
23	(11) Provisions and procedures for the revocation, suspension, and
24	expiration of facility need review approvals.
25	C.E. No new facility, service, or beds healthcare provider as described
26	provided for in Paragraphs (B)(1) and (2) Subsection B of this Section shall be
27	certified to participate in the Title XIX program without the approval of the
28	department based upon a determination of a need therefor in accordance with the
29	provisions of this Part first obtaining facility need review approval and
30	complying with any and all licensing regulations promulgated by the

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1	department. Any person establishing, managing, or operating a new facility,
2	service, or bed without the approval required by this Part Section shall be prohibited
3	from participating in the Title XIX program.
4	D.(1) In order to accomplish cost effectiveness of beds issued pursuant to a
5	department waiver, the department may promulgate rules that include but are not
6	limited to the following:
7	(a) A bed abeyance program to reduce nursing facility beds by ten percent or
8	more. Such an abeyance program shall include a time frame in which a determination
9	is made as to whether beds should be brought out of abeyance based upon a
10	ninety-three percent occupancy rate within a service area.
11	(b) An increase in the minimum occupancy level required for a nursing
12	facility to fully recover its capital cost.
13	(c) In order to achieve a reduction in long-term care institutional costs, a
14	program for reduction of certificates of need for nursing facility beds, which may
15	include a buy-back program, provided such a buy-back program is approved by the
16	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and is eligible for federal funds
17	participation.
18	(d) A bed exchange program that allows a nursing facility to create adult
19	residential care beds based on the permanent elimination of existing nursing facility
20	beds.
21	(2) The Louisiana Department of Health shall implement a moratorium on
22	additional beds for nursing facilities. The Louisiana Department of Health shall not
23	approve any additional nursing facilities or additional beds in nursing facilities
24	through facility need review. This prohibition shall apply only to applications for
25	new beds not approved prior to July 1, 1996. The prohibition shall become
26	enforceable on July 1, 1996, and shall remain in effect until July 1, 2027. This
27	prohibition shall not apply to the replacement of existing facilities, provided that
28	there is no increase in existing nursing home beds at the replacement facility.
29	(3) Repealed by Acts 2008, No. 187, §2, eff. June 13, 2008.
30	(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any nursing

1	facility in Lafourche Parish located in an area designated a flood zone that has
2	commenced construction on a replacement facility during the period of the
3	moratorium on replacement facilities shall be eligible to apply for licensure after
4	June 30, 2008, provided the replacement facility is in an area outside a flood zone
5	in such parish and south of the Company Canal. The buildings and grounds
6	constituting the original nursing facility to be vacated may be offered by donation
7	to the state, political subdivision, or other public entity for uses consistent with
8	public purposes.
9	(5) The moratorium on additional beds for nursing facilities imposed pursuant
10	to Paragraph (2) of this Subsection shall not apply to a nursing facility that seeks to
11	license additional beds if the following criteria are met:
12	(a) The nursing facility is a non-profit corporation formed pursuant to
13	Louisiana law.
14	(b) The total number of additional beds shall not exceed ten.
15	(c) The additional beds shall be occupied only by persons who meet one of
16	the following criteria:
17	(i) Prior to admission to the nursing facility, the person resided in an adult
18	residential care facility, as defined in R.S. 40:2153, owned by the same legal entity
19	which owns the nursing facility.
20	(ii) Prior to admission to the nursing facility, the person resided in a living
21	unit of a provider of continuing care, as defined in R.S. 51:2173, owned by the same
22	legal entity which owns the nursing facility.
23	(iii) The person was previously a resident of the same nursing facility.
24	(d) The additional beds shall not be enrolled and participate in the Title XIX
25	program.
26	(e) Tentative approval of the plans and specifications for additional beds was
27	received by the division of engineering and architectural services of the Louisiana
28	Department of Health prior to August 15, 2006.
29	(f) Construction of the additional beds commenced prior to August 15, 2006.
30	(g) Construction was completed on or before April 1, 2007.

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(6)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
department may license, but not certify for Medicaid participation, up to thirty
additional beds for a continuing care retirement community, registered in accordance
with R.S. 51:2171 et seq., and found to be in compliance with said statutes on May
3, 2002 by the Louisiana Department of Health during the existence of the
moratorium imposed pursuant to Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.
(b) At the discretion of the continuing care retirement community provider,
the licensed beds may be used for persons who are not residents of the continuing

(b) At the discretion of the continuing care retirement community provider, the licensed beds may be used for persons who are not residents of the continuing care retirement community and who are not parties to a continuing care contract for a period of up to five years after the receipt of the certification of occupancy for a registered continuing care retirement community. After that period, the licensed beds may be used only by owners of a continuing care contract with the continuing care retirement community provider.

- (7) Repealed by Acts 2011, No. 179, §1, eff. August 15, 2011.
- (8) Repealed by Acts 2011, No. 179, §1, eff. August 15, 2011.

E.(1) Except as provided in Paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of this Subsection, the Louisiana Department of Health shall suspend approval, certification, and enrollment of nursing facility beds which were previously approved to participate in the Title XIX program under a facility need review process, Section 1122 process, or any predecessor needs review process, unless such beds are certified and enrolled in the Title XIX program by December 31, 1997. Such suspension shall be for the length of the moratorium imposed pursuant to Subsection D of this Section.

(2) The suspension shall not apply to existing approvals for replacement of existing nursing facilities, or approvals which are under judicial review, on August 15, 1997. The suspension shall not apply to approvals for alternate use of previously approved beds.

(3) In the case of previously approved but unbuilt nursing facilities or beds, the department shall not suspend approval, certification, and enrollment if construction has actually begun by June 30, 1998, and construction is completed and such facilities or beds are actually certified and enrolled in the Title XIX program

by December 31, 1999. In said cases, the department shall suspend approval, certification, and enrollment of previously approved beds not certified and enrolled by December 31, 1999.

(4) In the case of previously approved but unbuilt nursing facilities or beds, if construction has actually begun by June 30, 1998, and construction is not completed and the facilities or beds are not actually certified and enrolled in the Title XIX program by December 31, 1999, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health may authorize the certification and enrollment of the beds by December 31, 2001. However, the extension shall not be granted unless the secretary determines that construction has not been completed due to circumstances beyond the control of the applicant, a written request for an extension was made prior to December 31, 1999, and financing has been approved for the beds. These provisions shall only be applicable in the case of a facility, the primary purpose of which is to replace an existing facility, but also in so doing, enrolling additional beds.

F.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the Louisiana Department of Health shall revoke all approvals for community and group home beds which were previously approved to participate in the Title XIX program under a facility need review process, Section 1122 process, or any predecessor needs review process, unless such beds are certified and enrolled in the Title XIX program by December 31, 1997.

(2) In the case of unbuilt community and group home facilities, the department shall not revoke approvals if construction has actually begun by December 31, 1997, and construction is completed and such facilities or beds are actually certified and enrolled in the Title XIX program by June 30, 1999. In said cases, the department shall revoke all approved beds not certified and enrolled by June 30, 1999.

G. Any intermediate care facility for people with developmental disabilities, which serves children or adults with intellectual disabilities, autism, or behavioral problems, with no less than one hundred fifty and no more than one hundred eighty beds, shall be eligible for the facility need review process as set forth in this Section

and in rules and regulations promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Health as authorized in Subsections A and B of this Section. The exemption shall exist for a maximum of fifty additional beds.

H. In the case of nursing facility beds currently approved, any nursing facility provider may replace any existing beds with adult residential care home beds, either through new construction or through renovation and conversion. Such replacement shall be subject to licensing regulations, but not to additional facility need review process approval, subject to budget neutrality provisions and rules and regulations promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Health.

I. The Louisiana Department of Health shall develop and implement policies and procedures to require nursing facilities and ICF/DD providers to notify new residents and their families and guardians of sex offenders living in their facilities upon admission. The notification shall continue for as long as the information is considered a public record. During the annual licensing process, health standards surveyors shall verify providers' compliance with the policy.

J.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the facility need review approval for licensed intermediate care facilities for people with developmental disabilities (ICF/DD) located in an area or areas which have been affected by an executive order or proclamation of emergency or disaster and which were operating at the time the executive order or proclamation was issued under R.S. 29:724 shall remain in effect and shall not be terminated, considered to have expired, or revoked until January 1, 2012. For this exception to apply, the emergency or disaster shall be the sole causal factor in the interruption of the provision of services. This exception shall not apply if any one of the following occurs:

- (a) The approval is voluntarily surrendered by the provider.
- (b) The provider fails to notify in writing the health standards section of the Louisiana Department of Health of its intention to avail itself of the continuation of facility need review approval no later than December 31, 2005.
- (c) The provider fails to recommence providing services prior to January 1, 2012.

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1	(2) Nothing in this Subsection shall be construed to accomplish either of the
2	following:
3	(a) To permit a nursing home which has relocated, as the result of an
4	executive order or declaration of emergency or disaster issued in accordance with
5	R.S. 29:724, to relocate such facility outside of the geographic area for which the
6	original facility need review approval was granted.
7	(b) To permit a nursing home which has relocated, as the result of an
8	executive order or declaration of emergency or disaster issued in accordance with
9	R.S. 29:724, to obviate the provisions of R.S. 40:2116(D)(2).
10	(3)(a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any nursing home
11	provider located in a parish with a population between sixty-five thousand and
12	seventy thousand according to the latest federal decennial census, which parish was
13	affected by hurricane Katrina or Rita, and who ceased operations solely because of
14	the damage occasioned by the events which were the subject of an order or
15	proclamation of emergency or disaster issued pursuant to R.S. 29:724, and whose
16	operations have not been resumed as of July 1, 2008, shall have their pre-storm
17	facility need review approval reinstated for the sole purpose of rebuilding or
18	replacing the facility, upon meeting the following conditions:
19	(i) The nursing home provider shall submit a reinstatement request to the
20	health standards section of the Louisiana Department of Health in writing by
21	December 31, 2008.
22	(ii) The reinstatement request shall state the provider's intent to rebuild the
23	nursing home and resume providing nursing home services in that parish.
24	(iii) The nursing home provider shall resume operation as a nursing home
25	provider in that parish no later than January 1, 2010.
26	(iv) The nursing home provider shall submit all fees, costs, and cost reports
27	due and owing to the Louisiana Department of Health.
28	(b) The facility need review approval reinstated to the facility shall
29	encompass all rights and responsibilities afforded the facility at the time it ceased
30	providing services as a result of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

(c) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to a nursing home provider who has voluntarily surrendered its facility need review approval.

K. The department shall adopt a rule to allow a nursing home located in a service area which has less than ninety-three percent occupancy to temporarily convert a number of licensed beds to an alternate use. The beds may be converted for alternate health care use until such time as the average annual occupancy in the service area exceeds ninety-three percent and an adjoining service area exceeds ninety-three percent based on the department's LTC-2 Report and the facility is notified of the same. The facility shall then either re-license the beds as nursing home beds within one year of receipt of the notice from the department, or the beds will be deemed expired. Nothing herein shall be construed to preclude nursing homes from taking beds out of alternate use at any time and using them as licensed beds unless deemed expired. The prohibition contained in Paragraph (D)(2) of this Section shall not apply to nursing home beds in alternate use.

§2116.1. Nursing facilities; facility need review; moratorium; exceptions

- A.(1) The Louisiana Department of Health, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, shall establish a facility need review process for nursing facilities consistent with the regulations for licensure and for Title XIX of the Social Security Act.
- (2) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to provide for facility need review. The rules and regulations shall include but not be limited to the following:
- (a) Criteria for review of nursing facility beds to determine if there is a need for additional beds.
- (b) Specific duties of the department to review proposals for new facilities and determine the need therefor.
- (c) Appropriate methodology for the collection of data necessary for the administration of the program.
 - (d) Procedures to grant and revoke approvals.
 - (e) Establishment of application fees.

1	(f) Procedures for review of applications by the department.
2	(g) Procedures to request a fair hearing from a determination made by
3	the department.
4	(h) Provisions for judicial review from the decision rendered after a fair
5	hearing.
6	(3) No new facility, service, or beds shall be licensed and certified to
7	participate in the Title XIX program without the approval of the department
8	based upon a determination of a need therefor in accordance with the
9	provisions of this Section. Any person establishing, managing, or operating a
10	new facility, service, or bed without the approval required by this Section shall
11	be prohibited from participating in the Title XIX program.
12	B.(1) There shall be a moratorium on nursing facilities and additional
13	beds for nursing facilities which shall be in effect until July 1, 2027.
14	(2) The moratorium provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection
15	shall not apply to the following:
16	(a) Replacement of existing facilities, provided that there is no increase
17	in existing nursing home beds at the replacement facility. However, a nursing
18	home which has relocated, as the result of an executive order or declaration of
19	emergency or disaster issued in accordance with R.S. 29:724 shall not be
20	allowed to permanently relocate such facility outside of the geographic area for
21	which the original facility was licensed.
22	(b) Replacement of nursing facility beds with adult residential care home
23	beds, either through new construction or through renovation and conversion.
24	Such replacement shall be subject to licensing rules and regulations and budget
25	neutrality provisions promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Health.
26	(c) A nursing facility located in a service area which has less than
27	ninety-three percent occupancy that temporarily converts a number of licensed
28	beds to an alternate use. The beds may be converted for alternate health care
29	use until such time as the average annual occupancy in the service area exceeds

based on the department's LTC-2 Report or its successor and the facility is notified of the same. The facility shall then either relicense the beds as nursing home beds within one year of receipt of the notice from the department, or the beds will be deemed expired. Nothing in this Paragraph shall be construed to preclude nursing facilities from taking beds out of alternate use at any time and using them as licensed beds unless they are deemed expired.

(d) Nursing home beds in alternate use.

C.(1) Except as provided in Paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of this Subsection, the Louisiana Department of Health shall suspend approval, certification, and enrollment of nursing facility beds which were previously approved to participate in the Title XIX program under a facility need review process, Section 1122 process, or any predecessor needs review process, unless the beds are certified and enrolled in the Title XIX program by December 31, 1997. The suspension shall be for the length of the moratorium imposed pursuant to Subsection B of this Section.

(2) The suspension shall not apply to existing approvals for replacement of existing nursing facilities, or approvals which are under judicial review, on August 15, 1997. The suspension shall not apply to approvals for alternate use of previously approved beds.

(3) In the case of previously approved but unbuilt nursing facilities or beds, the department shall not suspend approval, certification, and enrollment if construction has actually begun by June 30, 1998, and construction is completed and the facilities or beds are actually certified and enrolled in the Title XIX program by December 31, 1999. In such cases, the department shall suspend approval, certification, and enrollment of previously approved beds not certified and enrolled by December 31, 1999.

(4) In the case of previously approved but unbuilt nursing facilities or beds, if construction has actually begun by June 30, 1998, and construction is not completed and the facilities or beds are not actually certified and enrolled in the Title XIX program by December 31, 1999, the secretary of the Louisiana

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l	Department of Health may authorize the certification and enrollment of the
2	beds by December 31, 2001. However, the extension shall not be granted unless
3	the secretary determines that construction has not been completed due to
4	circumstances beyond the control of the applicant, a written request for an
5	extension was made prior to December 31, 1999, and financing has been
6	approved for the beds. These provisions shall only be applicable in the case of
7	a facility, the primary purpose of which is to replace an existing facility, but also
8	in so doing, enrolling additional beds.
9	§2116.2. Nursing facilities; cost effective measures
10	The Louisiana Department of Health may promulgate rules to
11	accomplish cost effectiveness of beds that include but are not limited to the
12	following:
13	(1) A bed abeyance program to reduce nursing facility beds by ten
14	percent or more. Such an abeyance program shall include a timeframe in which
15	a determination is made as to whether beds should be brought out of abeyance
16	based upon a ninety-three percent occupancy rate within a service area.
17	(2) An increase in the minimum occupancy level required for a nursing
18	facility to fully recover its capital cost.
19	(3) A buy-back program, provided such a buy-back program is approved
20	by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and is eligible for federal
21	funds participation.
22	(4) A bed exchange program that allows a nursing facility to create adult
23	residential care beds based on the permanent elimination of existing nursing
24	facility beds.
25	* * *
26	§2180.2. Promulgation of rules
27	The department shall promulgate, in accordance with the Administrative
28	Procedure Act, licensing standards, rules, and regulations, regarding, but not limited
29	to the following:
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1 (12) The Louisiana Department of Health shall develop and implement
2 policies and procedures to require ICF/DD providers to notify new residents
3 and their families and guardians of sex offenders living in their facilities upon
4 admission. The notification shall continue for as long as the information is
5 considered a public record. During the annual licensing process, health
6 standards surveyors shall verify the providers' compliance with the policy.

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