

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 190

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

MEDICAID. Provides for Medicaid reimbursement rate increases. (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 46:460.76.1, relative to Medicaid reimbursement rate increases; to provide for  
3 a plan for certain Medicaid providers to be reimbursed at one hundred percent of  
4 Medicare rates by 2025; to provide for prioritized fields of healthcare; to provide for  
5 eligible providers; to provide for approval and appropriation prior to implementation;  
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 46:460.76.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§460.76.1. Medicaid reimbursement plan; Medicare rate comparability**

10 **A.(1) The Louisiana Department of Health shall develop a plan for**  
11 **increased Medicaid managed care organization reimbursement rates and fee-**  
12 **for-service reimbursement rates to certain healthcare providers at one hundred**  
13 **percent of Medicare rates. The plan shall be implemented starting with Fiscal**  
14 **Year 2024-2025.**

15 **(2) In developing the plan required by this Section, the department shall**  
16 **prioritize primary care, obstetric care, non-specialty mental health, substance**  
17 **use disorder, family planning, and women's health services.**

1           **(3) The plan shall include Medicaid reimbursement rates for service**  
2           **rates of one hundred percent of the Medicare rate for procedure codes utilized**  
3           **for evaluation and management for primary care and specialty office visits,**  
4           **preventative services, care management, obstetric services, and non-specialty**  
5           **mental health services effective in calendar year 2025. The department shall**  
6           **calculate an equivalent rate increase for services that do not have a rate**  
7           **established by Medicare.**

8           **B.(1) The plan shall include procedure codes identified as primary care**  
9           **or general care to be reimbursed at the rate established pursuant to this Section**  
10          **if provided by one of the following provider types:**

11           **(a) Physicians.**

12           **(b) Physician assistants.**

13           **(c) Nurse practitioners.**

14           **(d) Certified nurse midwives.**

15           **(e) Licensed midwives.**

16           **(f) Doula providers.**

17           **(g) Psychologists.**

18           **(h) Licensed professional clinical counselors.**

19           **(i) Licensed clinical social workers.**

20           **(j) Marriage and family therapists.**

21           **(2) All other providers shall continue to be reimbursed at the existing**  
22           **Medicaid manage care reimbursement rate or fee-for-service rate for procedure**  
23           **codes identified as primary care or general care.**

24           **(3) Procedure codes identified as obstetric and non-specialty mental**  
25           **health services shall be reimbursed at the Medicare rate for all otherwise**  
26           **eligible providers.**

27           **(4) Medicaid reimbursement for OB/GYN inpatient and outpatient**  
28           **services for all healthcare providers, including outpatient care provided during**  
29           **nontraditional hours, such as weekends and after hours shall have an overall**

1           increase.

2                   **C. The department shall complete the plan required by this Section in**

3           **time to begin provider payments at the Medicare rate during calendar year**

4           **2025. Implementation of the plan shall be subject to any necessary approval by**

5           **the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and appropriation by the**

6           **legislature.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Amanda Trapp.

	DIGEST	
SB 190 Original	2024 Regular Session	Boudreaux

Proposed law requires the Louisiana Department of Health to develop a plan to pay certain providers 100% of the Medicare rate in 2025.

Proposed law establishes prioritized fields of healthcare and eligible provider types.

Proposed law provides for approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, if necessary, and appropriation by the legislature.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 46:460.76.1)