
DIGEST

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Abstract: Modifies the facility need review process for a mental health rehabilitation provider.

Present law requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to conduct a facility need review for certain healthcare facilities and providers. The department shall determine if there exists a public need for an expansion of an existing facility or the establishment of a new facility. LDH must determine that a need exists before a facility is allowed to expand or be established.

Present law requires a facility need review for behavioral health services which include mental health rehabilitation providers. Proposed law creates an exception to the facility need review requirement for certain mental health rehabilitation providers.

Proposed law provides that LDH shall not require a mental health rehabilitation provider to undergo a facility need review if the provider was in operation prior to Jan. 1, 2024, and seeks to expand to not more than two additional locations. Additionally, the mental health rehabilitation provider shall require staff to annually obtain trust-based relational intervention training and adverse childhood experiences training.

(Amends R.S. 40:2116(B)(4) and (E); Adds R.S. 40:2116(F))