

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 190

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

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

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:460.76.1, relative to Medicaid reimbursement rate increases; to provide for a plan for physicians to be reimbursed at one hundred percent of Medicare rates; to require the department to submit the plan to the appropriate subject matter jurisdiction committees; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§460.76.1. Medicaid physician reimbursement plan; Medicare rate comparability

A.(1) The Louisiana Department of Health shall develop a plan for increased Medicaid managed care organization reimbursement rates and fee-for-service reimbursement rates to physicians at one hundred percent of Medicare rates.

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

(3) The plan shall include Medicaid reimbursement rates for service

1 **rates of one hundred percent of the Medicare rate for procedure codes utilized**
 2 **for evaluation and management for primary care and specialty office visits,**
 3 **preventative services, care management, obstetric services, and non-specialty**
 4 **mental health services and the estimated costs of implementation of the plan**
 5 **during Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and increasing incrementally through Fiscal Year**
 6 **2027-2028.**

7 **(4) The department shall calculate an equivalent rate increase for**
 8 **physician services that do not have a rate established by Medicare.**

9 **B. The plan shall include procedure codes identified as physician**
 10 **primary care or general care to be reimbursed to physicians at one hundred**
 11 **percent of Medicare rates.**

12 **C. The department shall submit the plan required by this Section to the**
 13 **Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Finance,**
 14 **the House Committee on Health and Welfare, and the House Committee on**
 15 **Appropriations no later than November 1, 2024.**

The original instrument was prepared by Amanda Trapp. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Curry J. Lann.

DIGEST

SB 190 Reengrossed

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Proposed law requires the Louisiana Department of Health to develop a plan for increased Medicaid managed care organization reimbursement rates and fee-for-service reimbursement rates to physicians at one hundred percent of Medicare rates and provides for plan requirements.

Proposed law requires the department to submit the plan to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Health and Welfare, and the House Committee on Appropriations no later than November 1, 2024.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 46:460.76.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Limits applicable providers to physicians.
2. Changes the implementation date and provides for an incremental increase.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

1. Removes the implementation date of the plan and provisions requiring incremental rate increases.
2. Removes provisions relative to the implementation of the plan including provisions requiring approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and appropriation by the legislature.
3. Requires the department to submit the plan to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Health and Welfare, and the House Committee on Appropriations no later than November 1, 2024.