

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 96

BY SENATOR MCMATH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MEDICAID. Establishes Medicaid reimbursement rates for certain behavioral health services. (7/1/25)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:460.77.4, relative to Medicaid reimbursement rates for behavioral health services; to require the Louisiana Department of Health to reimburse Medicaid providers for certain behavioral health services; to provide relative to reimbursement rates; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:460.77.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**§460.77.4. Reimbursement for certain behavioral health services**

**A. Subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Louisiana Department of Health shall reimburse Medicaid providers for partial hospitalization program services provided to adult and geriatric patients at a licensed inpatient psychiatric hospital. The department shall determine the appropriate reimbursement rate for the services. Such reimbursement rates shall be determined as provided for by a specific appropriation of funds by the legislature each year for this purpose.**

**B. Implementation of this Section is subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature for this purpose.**

1           Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025; if vetoed by the governor  
2           and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day  
3           following such approval by the legislature or July 1, 2025, whichever is later.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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DIGEST

SB 96 Reengrossed

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Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health to reimburse Medicaid providers for partial hospitalization program services provided to adult and geriatric patients at a licensed inpatient psychiatric hospital, if approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Proposed law further requires the La. Dept. of Health to determine the appropriate reimbursement rate for the services as provided for by a specific appropriation of funds by the legislature each year.

Implementation of proposed law is subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature for this purpose.

Effective July 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 46:460.77.4)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Requires CMS approval of the rates.

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

1. Remove provision requiring Medicaid reimbursement rates for services provided as part of a partial hospitalization program or intensive outpatient program to be 100% of Medicare rates, if approved by CMS.
2. Require the La. Dept. of Health to reimburse Medicaid providers for partial hospitalization program services provided to adult and geriatric patients at a licensed inpatient psychiatric hospital, if approved by CMS.
3. Require the La. Dept. of Health to determine the appropriate reimbursement rate for the services as provided for by a specific appropriation of funds by the legislature each year.
4. Provide that implementation of proposed law is subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature for this purpose.
5. Make technical corrections.