

# ACT No. 196

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 456

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1248.3, 1248.5(D)(3), 1248.8(B) and (D), and 1248.9,  
3 relative to the Local Healthcare Provider Participation Program; to provide for multi-  
4 parish funding districts; to provide for power and duties of parishes; to provide for  
5 local hospital assessment payments; to provide for applicability; to provide for an  
6 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1248.3, 1248.5(D)(3), 1248.8(B) and (D), and 1248.9 are hereby  
9 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §1248.3. Applicability; multi-parish funding district

11 A. The provisions of this Subpart shall apply to any parish ~~in which at least~~  
12 ~~two institutional providers are located.~~

13 B.(1) If a parish has fewer than two hospitals, the parish may join with one  
14 or more contiguous parishes with fewer than two hospitals and create a multi-parish  
15 funding district, which shall be a new governmental entity. The boundary of a multi-  
16 parish funding district shall be coextensive with the combined boundaries of the  
17 parishes contained in the multi-parish funding district. A multi-parish funding  
18 district shall be established by the governing body of each parish within the  
19 boundaries of a proposed funding district passing and adopting a resolution or

1 ordinance establishing the multi-parish funding district and appointing one  
2 representative to serve on the multi-parish funding district's governing body. If any  
3 other parish seeks to join after the creation of the district, the resolution or ordinance  
4 shall be amended before the new parish may join the district.

5 (2) The governing body of a multi-parish funding district shall be comprised  
6 solely of the individuals appointed by each parish within the boundaries of the  
7 district. A parish may replace its appointment to the governing body by resolution  
8 or ordinance.

9 (3) The governing body of a multi-parish funding district shall delegate the  
10 operational and administrative burdens of the district to the parishes that comprise  
11 the district. Within sixty days of the establishment of a multi-parish funding district,  
12 the governing body shall designate at least one parish to serve as the operational and  
13 administrative lead for the district. The governing body may change this designation  
14 at any time.

15 (4) Solely for purposes of compliance with this Subpart, a multi-parish  
16 funding district is considered to be a parish and the other provisions of this Subpart  
17 shall be read to impose parish requirements on the governing body of the multi-  
18 parish funding district.

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20 §1248.5. Powers and duties of parishes; limitations; inspection of provider records

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22 D.

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24 (3) If a parish excludes providers pursuant to this Subsection or otherwise,  
25 the definition of institutional provider as used in this Section and in R.S. 40:1248.8  
26 shall be read to exclude such excluded providers, and, if necessary, the parish shall  
27 be required to work with the department to obtain federal approvals to ensure  
28 compliance with 42 U.S.C. 1396b(w).

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1 §1248.8. Local hospital assessment payments; basis; calculation

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3 B. The assessment authorized by this Subpart shall be ~~uniformly~~ imposed on  
4 each paying hospital in the parish in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1396b(w) including  
5 but not limited to 42 U.S.C. 1396b(w)(3)(E). In accordance with 42 U.S.C.  
6 1396b(w), a local hospital assessment payment authorized by this Subpart shall not  
7 hold harmless any institutional provider.

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9 D. Subject to the maximum payment amount prescribed in Subsection C of  
10 this Section, a parish that collects a local hospital assessment payment authorized by  
11 this Subpart shall set local hospital assessment payments in amounts that, in the  
12 aggregate, will generate sufficient revenue to cover the administrative expenses of  
13 the parish for activities provided for in this Subpart and to fund the nonfederal share  
14 of a Medicaid payment for the benefit of hospitals in the parish; except that the  
15 amount of revenue from local hospital assessment payments used for administrative  
16 expenses of the parish for activities provided for in this Subpart in a year, including  
17 collection services as provided for in R.S. 40:1248.9, shall be one hundred fifty  
18 thousand dollars may not exceed five percent of the total revenue generated from the  
19 local hospital assessment payment or twenty thousand dollars, whichever is lower.

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21 §1248.9. Local hospital assessment payments; collection

22 ~~The sheriff of a~~ Unless the parish engages an appropriate collection entity,  
23 the parish shall collect the local hospital assessment payment authorized by this  
24 Subpart. The sheriff shall charge and deduct from local hospital assessment  
25 payments collected for the parish a fee for collecting those payments in an amount  
26 determined by the parish. The fee shall not exceed the usual and customary charges  
27 imposed by the sheriff. If a sheriff serves as the collection entity, the sheriff may  
28 charge and deduct from local hospital assessment payments a reasonable and  
29 customary fee for collecting those payments.

1           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
5 effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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