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DIGEST

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SB No. 176

Proposed law provides for the creation and maintenance of a Medicaid upper payment limit financing methodology which incorporates any health care provider licensed by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

Proposed law provides that DHH may submit waivers or state plan amendments to CMS in order to secure federal financial participation in relation to any such upper payment limit financing methodology. Proposed law further provides that any disbursements of monies generated by the use of an upper payment limit methodology shall be made only in accordance with an approved waiver or state plan amendment.

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall be subject to legislative appropriation.

Proposed law provides that a nonstate governmental hospital may enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with other hospitals, persons, or entities which includes the transfer of funds for the provision of health care services; and that such transfer of funds shall be considered to be for a public purpose within the meaning of Const. Art. VII, §14(C).

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 40:1300.331 and 1300.341)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Adds the qualification that the provisions of the legislation are subject to appropriation.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the engrossed bill.

1. Added a provision allowing a nonstate governmental hospital to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with other hospitals, persons, or entities which includes the transfer of funds for the provision of health care services.
2. Provided that such transfer of funds for health care services by a nonstate governmental hospital under a cooperative endeavor agreement shall be considered to be for a public purpose within the meaning of Const. Art. VII, §14(C).