

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 577

BY SENATOR LONG

NURSING HOMES. Provides for the Department of Health and Hospitals to create an upper payment limit for mechanism for publicly owned nursing homes. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1300.333, relative to Medicaid; to provide for the Department of Health
3 and Hospitals' upper payment limit mechanism for publicly owned nursing homes;
4 to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:1300.333 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§1300.333. Upper payment limit mechanism for publicly owned nursing homes**

9 **A. The Department of Health and Hospitals shall seek approval, no later**
10 **than September 1, 2014, from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services**
11 **of a Medicaid state plan amendment designed to reimburse publicly owned**
12 **nursing homes up to the upper payment limit.**

13 **B. The department shall develop and maintain a Medicaid upper**
14 **payment limit financing methodology for publicly owned nursing homes**
15 **provided for in Subsection A of this Section. The disbursements of money**
16 **generated by the use of an upper payment limit methodology shall be made only**
17 **in accordance with an approved state plan amendment. The source of the**

1 **nonfederal match for these payments shall be intergovernmental transfer of**
2 **funds from such publicly owned nursing homes.**

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

DIGEST

Long (SB 577)

Proposed law authorizes the Department of Health and Hospitals shall seek approval, no later than September 1, 2014, from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services of a Medicaid state plan amendment designed to reimburse publicly owned nursing homes up to the upper payment limit.

Proposed law authorizes the department to develop and maintain a Medicaid upper payment limit financing methodology for the publically owned nursing homes provided for in proposed law. Further provides that disbursements of money generated by the use of an upper payment limit methodology shall be made only in accordance with an approved state plan amendment and provides that the source of the nonfederal match for these payments shall be intergovernmental transfer of funds from such publically owned nursing homes.

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

(Adds R.S. 40:1300.333)