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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to institute cost sharing for certain Medicaid-covered services and dedicates revenues derived thereof to the New Opportunities Waiver Fund.

Proposed law provides findings relative to the cost of the Medicaid program, and declares that cost containment in the Medicaid program is an urgent fiscal and public health priority of this state.

Proposed law provides definitions.

Proposed law requires the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) to establish cost sharing requirements in the Medicaid program for all of the following services provided to Medicaid enrollees, subject to requirements and limitations provided in applicable federal law and regulation:

- (1) Cost sharing for noninstitutional care, including but not limited to physician visits, as authorized in 42 CFR 447.52.
- (2) Cost sharing for nonemergency services furnished in a hospital emergency room as authorized in 42 CFR 447.52.

Proposed law requires that the cost sharing requirements provided for in proposed law be imposed upon all categories of recipients not excluded from such requirements by the provisions of Section 1916 of the Social Security Act.

Proposed law provides that the amount of each cost sharing function required by the provisions of this Section shall be the maximum nominal amount allowed by federal regulations.

Proposed law dedicates to the New Opportunities Waiver Fund all state revenues derived as a result of the cost sharing requirements provided for in proposed law. Provides that the state treasurer shall annually deposit into the New Opportunities Waiver Fund monies in an amount equal to the net reduction in Medicaid provider reimbursements corresponding to the cost sharing amounts assessed to Medicaid enrollees pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law requires DHH to submit any Medicaid state plan amendments, promulgate all rules and regulations in accordance with the APA, and take any other actions as necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 39:100.61(B)(1)(c) and R.S. 46:460.101-460.105)