
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for prioritization of public funds for family planning services and prohibits the Department of Health and Hospitals from entering into any contract with, or making any grant to, an entity that performs elective abortions or maintains, owns, or operates a facility where such abortions are performed.

Proposed law provides that, subject to applicable federal laws and regulations, any expenditures or grants of public funds for family planning services by the state through the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) shall be made in the following order of priority:

- (1) To public entities.
- (2) To nonpublic hospitals and federally qualified health centers.
- (3) To rural health clinics.
- (4) To nonpublic healthcare providers that have as their primary purpose provision of the primary healthcare services enumerated in 42 U.S.C. 254b(a)(1).
- (5) To nonpublic healthcare providers that do not have as their primary purpose provision of the primary healthcare services enumerated in 42 U.S.C. 254b(a)(1).

Proposed law prohibits DHH from entering into a contract with, or making a grant to, any entity that performs non-federally qualified abortions or maintains, owns, or operates a facility where non-federally qualified abortions are performed.

Proposed law defines "federally qualified abortion" as an abortion procedure qualified for federal matching funds under the Medicaid program.

Proposed law stipulates that any commitment of public funds by DHH through contracts, grants, reimbursement agreements, or any other means in derogation of proposed law shall be null, void, and without effect on and after the effective date of proposed law, and that such funds shall be reappropriated in any manner authorized by present law.

(Adds R.S. 36:21-25)