
DIGEST

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HB 662 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes a fee on emergency ground ambulance service providers, establishes the maximum allowable fee amount, and provides for use of the fee to pay enhanced reimbursements to providers.

Present law authorizes provider fees to be paid by certain healthcare providers.

Proposed law retains present law and establishes a provider fee for emergency ground ambulance service providers.

Proposed law prohibits the amount of the initial fee from exceeding the total cost to the state of providing the healthcare service subject to the fee and prohibits the amount of the fees imposed from exceeding 1.5% of the net operating revenue of emergency ground ambulance service providers.

Proposed law provides for the disposition of the fee including the deposit of the collected fees into the state treasury with the required amount credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund prior to the state treasurer placing the remaining amount into the Ground Ambulance Service Provider Trust Fund Account within the La. Medical Assistance Trust Fund.

Proposed law provides for the use of the collected fees to pay enhanced reimbursements to emergency ground ambulance service providers.

Proposed law establishes the procedure for changing the fee amount after the first year and prohibits the subsequent assessment from exceeding 3.5% of the net operating revenue of emergency ground ambulance service providers.

Proposed law provides for the termination of the fee collection and the return of monies collected.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to promulgate all necessary rules and regulations, submit any necessary Medicaid state plan amendments no later than 90 days after the effective date of proposed law, and take all other actions as are necessary to institute the assessments and reimbursement enhancements provided for proposed law.

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

(Adds R.S. 46:2625.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Add provisions prescribing the deposit of the collected fees into the Ground Ambulance Service Provider Trust Fund Account.
2. Add provisions establishing the procedure for changing the fee amount after the first year.
3. Add provisions requiring the collected fees to be used to provide enhanced reimbursements.
4. Add provisions for the termination of the fee.
5. Add definitions.
6. Require DHH to perform all actions necessary to implement proposed law.
7. Add an effective date.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Clarify that payment of reimbursement enhancements is limited to years when the assessment is collected.
3. Clarify that state general funds are to be used only to fund the state's share of the reimbursement.
4. Clarify that the supplemental amount paid to providers is limited to the amount in the Emergency Ground Ambulance Service Trust Fund.
5. Clarify that 65% of providers have to agree to a change in the reimbursement formula.