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DIGEST

Cheek (SB 80)

Proposed law defines "unique provider of health services for catastrophically ill children" and "pediatric."

Proposed law provides that DHH shall provide coverage and reimbursement to a unique provider of health services for catastrophically ill children to the same extent that it would provide coverage for services furnished within the boundaries of the state and shall insure that reimbursement to such institution shall be equal to the reimbursement rate of in-state children's hospital for pediatric care. Provides a limit on reimbursements for providers to less than \$500,000 in any state fiscal year. Further provides that implementation of these provisions shall be subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature for such purpose.

Proposed law provides that DHH shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the APA, and take such other actions as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law. Adds a requirement that the department shall submit a State Plan Amendment and obtain approval from CMMS that contains a reimbursement methodology restricting payments to the annual maximum prior to implementation of provisions contained in the Act.

Effective August 15, 2009.

(Adds R.S. 40:1300.291 - 1300.293)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill.

1. Limits reimbursements for providers for certain catastrophically ill children to less than \$500,000 in any state fiscal year.
2. Provides that implementation of the provisions of this Part shall be subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature for such purpose.
3. Adds requirement that the department shall submit a State Plan Amendment and obtain approval from CMMS that contains a reimbursement methodology restricting payments to the annual maximum prior to implementation of these provisions.

Senate Floor Amendments to reengrossed bill.

1. Makes technical changes.