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DIGEST

Proposed law adds to the definition of a "rural hospital" a hospital licensed by the department which has no more than 20 beds as of May 1, 2010 and meets both of the following criteria:

- (1) Is located, as measured by the latest federal decennial census, in a municipality with a population of less than 6,800.
- (2) Is located, as measured by the latest federal decennial census, in a parish with a population of less than 53,000.

Proposed law provides that any hospital meeting the requirements of proposed law shall not be eligible to receive any Medicaid disproportionate share payments until the actual dollar amount of Medicaid disproportionate share payments available for distribution to rural hospitals as defined in present law exceeds the actual dollar amount of Medicaid disproportionate share payments which were available for distribution in FY 2010-2011.

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

(Adds R.S. 40:1300.143(7)(a)(xiv))