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Abstract: Requires LSU hospitals and public-private partnership hospitals to accept Medicaid enrollees and indigent patients transferred by other hospitals.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides the following definitions for purposes of <u>proposed law</u>:

- (1) "LSU hospital" means a hospital for which a Louisiana State University (LSU) Health Sciences Center is responsible pursuant to present law, R.S. 17:1519.2(B).
- (2) "Public-private partnership hospital" means a nonstate privately owned and operated hospital or a partner entity that operates a hospital listed in <u>present law</u>, R.S. 17:1519.2(B), pursuant to a cooperative endeavor agreement, contract, or any other type of agreement with the LSU Board of Supervisors or with any other board, commission, agency, department, or office of this state.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits each LSU hospital and public-private partnership from refusing to accept for treatment any patient who is transferred to the hospital by any other state-licensed hospital facility, and who meets either of the following criteria:

- (1) Is a Medicaid enrollee.
- (2) Is medically indigent.

<u>Proposed law provides a declaration that the requirement established in proposed law for acceptance of Medicaid enrollees and medically indigent patients is consistent with the objects and purposes of the LSU Health Sciences Centers provided in present law, R.S. 17:1517 and 1519.4.</u>

(Adds R.S. 17:1519.4.1)