

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HCR 2****2021 Regular Session****Schexnayder**

HOSPITALS: Provides for a hospital stabilization formula

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds language that exempts hospitals with 32 or fewer beds from hospital assessment, subject to the approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
2. Adds language that requires the La. Dept. of Health to model various Medicaid financing options, provides certain requirements for such options, and requires reporting.
3. Adds language that authorizes the legislative auditor to collect certain information to complete a detailed analysis of the Medicaid hospital reimbursement methodology and supplemental pay programs.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Provides for a hospital stabilization formula pursuant to Art. VII, §10.13 of the Constitution of La., including assessments and reimbursement enhancements.

Requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to calculate, collect, and levy an assessment from hospitals not to exceed the lesser of one of the following:

- (1) The state portion of the cost of the reimbursement enhancements from the payment for healthcare services through the implementation of Medicaid expansion which are directly attributable to payments to hospitals, excluding any federal financial participation and costs associated with Full Medicaid Pricing, supplemental payments and quality programs.
- (2) 1% of the total net patient revenue of all hospitals included in the assessment, as reported in the Medicare cost report ending in state FY 2015.

Requires LDH to submit a Medicaid assessment report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

Exempts hospitals with 32 or fewer beds from the assessment, subject to the approval of the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Requires LDH to quarterly publish a report that includes total Medicaid enrollment, average monthly Medicaid managed care premium rates, aggregate claims by provider, and the total amount of hospital claims by hospital.

Provides for reimbursement enhancements as follows:

- (1) Payment for healthcare services through the implementation of Medicaid expansion.
- (2) Payment of hospital reimbursement rates in an amount no less than the reimbursement rates in effect for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2021, with the exception of certain exclusions.

Requires LDH to submit any necessary state plan amendment that may be required to

implement this resolution no later than 120 days following the adoption of this resolution.

Requires LDH to model various Medicaid financing options to finance the Louisiana medicaid hospital reimbursement system. Further provides for certain requirements of such options. Requires LDH to report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and to work with the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee.

Authorizes the legislative auditor to collect information to complete a detailed analysis of the Medicaid hospital reimbursement methodology and supplemental payment programs and shall provide such information to the legislature for review.