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SENATE BILL NO. 88

BY SENATOR LONG

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HEALTH CARE. Provides for a rural health clinic look-alike. (8/1/17)

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 46:460.72, relative to rural health clinic look-alike entities; to provide for
3	creation of a provider type; to provide for Medicaid reimbursement; and to provide
4	for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 46:460.72 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
7	§460.72. Rural health clinic look-alike
8	A. A rural health clinic look-alike is a health care provider which the
9	Louisiana Department of Health finds to meet all material requirements for
10	licensure as a rural health clinic except those based on location, and its physical
11	location is less than three miles from a location where the health care provider
12	would be eligible for certification as a rural health clinic.
13	B. The department shall cause each managed care organization defined
14	in R.S. 46:460.51 to pay a rural health clinic look-alike the same amount and
15	according to the same terms as rural health clinics.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

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<u>Proposed law</u> creates rural health clinic look-alike entities as a new provider type designation in Louisiana for entities that do not meet the federal criteria of rural health clinic, but are within three miles of a location that would satisfy the criteria. <u>Proposed law</u> mandates Medicaid reimbursement for rural health clinic look-alike providers at the rate established for rural health clinics.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Adds R.S. 46:460.72)

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