
DIGEST

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HB 495 Engrossed

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Abstract: Modifies the facility need review process for certain behavioral health service providers.

Present law requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to conduct a facility need review for certain healthcare facilities and providers. The department shall determine if there exists a public need for an expansion of an existing facility or the establishment of a new facility. LDH must determine that a need exists before a facility is allowed to expand or be established.

Present law requires a facility need review for behavioral health services providers. Proposed law creates an exception to the facility need review requirement for certain behavioral health services.

Proposed law provides that LDH shall not require a facility need review for behavioral health service providers that meet all of the following requirements:

- (1) The provider was licensed as a behavioral health service provider by LDH on or before Jan. 1, 2024.
- (2) The provider is seeking to add psychosocial rehabilitation services or community psychiatric support and treatment services to be offered in the provider's licensed service area.
- (3) The provider is not operating under a provisional license issued by LDH.
- (4) The behavioral health service provider is not subject to a current license suspension, license revocation, or license non-renewal action.
- (5) The behavioral health service provider is not under a current settlement agreement with LDH.
- (6) The behavioral health service provider has not been cited for any immediate jeopardy deficiencies or repeat deficiencies by the LDH in the last two years.
- (7) The behavioral health service provider has not been issued any sanctions for immediate jeopardy deficiencies or repeat deficiencies by LDH in the last two years.

(Amends R.S. 40:2116(B)(4) and (E); Adds R.S. 40:2116(F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Replaces requirements that a behavioral health service provider must meet to qualify to expand certain services without a facility need review.