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HEALTH CARE

Provides relative to obstetric care. (gov sig)

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Proposed law requires the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to address maternal health care deserts by utilizing Medicaid funds to provide funding for hospitals to provide obstetric services at hospitals or satellite clinics. LDH shall ensure that obstetric services are available throughout the state with no more than 30 miles between each obstetric provider.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law increasing access to obstetric care in certain areas of the state is anticipated to increase Medicaid expenditures by an indeterminable amount in FY 26 and future fiscal years. Proposed law mandates the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to use Medicaid funding for additional access to obstetric units for maternal care in certain areas of the state, considered to be maternal health care deserts. Maternal health care deserts are defined as areas that have no obstetrics providers and no hospital or birth centers offering maternal care. Proposed law requires LDH to ensure that obstetric services are available throughout the state and that no more than 30 miles shall exist between each obstetrics provider.

LDH reports that there is no fiscal impact associated with this legislation because obstetric care is a covered service in Louisiana’s Medicaid program, and that current network adequacy standards are that OB/GYNs must be within 30 miles in rural/suburban areas and 15 miles in urban areas. LDH/Medicaid has no control over providers who choose to participate in the Medicaid program to ensure that providers are located/services provided within 30 miles to address the access issue. However, to the extent additional access in certain underserved areas leads to additional services, the LFO anticipates a potential increase in Medicaid expenditures associated with reimbursement for OB/GYN provider services. The significance of the increased expenditures is unknown, since there is no way to determine the actual increase in the number of providers and services required to be compliant with this legislation.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	<div>Patrice Thomas</div> Patrice Thomas Deputy Fiscal Officer