

## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

**HB 658**

## 2025 Regular Session

Turner

**MEDICAID:** Establishes the Medicaid Trust Fund for Addiction Recovery

## Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds a definition of "addiction provider" and lists services that a healthcare provider may provide to be considered an addiction provider.
2. Modifies the allowable uses of the principal of the fund without a joint resolution approved by two-thirds of the elected members of each of the legislature.
3. Removes provisions requiring the state treasurer to report the status of the fund to the La. Dept. of Health and the Intergovernmental Transfer Subcommittee.
4. Removes duties of the La. Dept. of Health relative to the collection fees and reporting of information related to fees.
5. Makes technical changes.

## Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Propose law defines "addiction providers".

Proposed law establishes the Medicaid Trust Fund for Addiction Recovery. Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as the state general fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. Directs the treasurer to deposit money into the fund from any source including but not limited to intergovernmental transfers. Permits the use of the monies in the fund as a source of state matching funds for Medicaid funds.

Proposed law authorizes the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to adopt rules and regulations to impose fees on healthcare services provided by the Medicaid program on addiction providers, and for collection and payment of the fees. Proposed law sets a limit on the fee.

Proposed law authorizes the principal in the fund from proceeds from self-assessed fees, federal grant allocations, or other sources to be subject to appropriation authorized by a joint resolution requiring a 2/3 vote. Proposed law requires the use of the principal for the re-basing of reimbursement rates of addiction providers, development and funding of a reimbursement for addiction providers, and reimbursement of monies deposited into the fund as a result of over payments of federal funds.

Proposed law authorizes the appropriation of earning on investments from the fund for providing wage enhancements to direct care personnel working in a Medicaid certified addiction provider setting and for services of the state Medicaid program that are subject to federal financial participation in matching funds.

Effective upon signature of governor or a lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 46:2693)