

SENATE BILL NO. 96

BY SENATOR MCMATH AND REPRESENTATIVES CARRIER, CHASSION, KNOX,  
LYONS AND MARCELLE

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

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 46:460.77.4, relative to Medicaid reimbursement rates for behavioral health  
3 services; to require the Louisiana Department of Health to reimburse Medicaid  
4 providers for certain behavioral health services; to provide relative to reimbursement  
5 rates; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 46:460.77.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§460.77.4. Reimbursement for certain behavioral health services**

9 **A. Subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid**  
10 **Services, the Louisiana Department of Health shall reimburse Medicaid**  
11 **providers for mental health partial hospitalization program services provided**  
12 **at a licensed freestanding inpatient psychiatric hospital. Providers shall be**  
13 **reimbursed at one hundred percent of the Medicare rates.**

14 **B. Implementation of this Section is subject to the appropriation of funds**  
15 **by the legislature for this purpose or upon notification by the secretary of the**  
16 **Louisiana Department of Health to the Joint Legislative Committee on the**  
17 **Budget that the department has identified available funds within its existing**  
18 **budget authority for the implementation of the provisions of this Section.**

1           Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025; if vetoed by the governor  
2           and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day  
3           following such approval by the legislature or July 1, 2025, whichever is later.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_