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## DIGEST

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HB 198 Original

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**Abstract:** Provides for Medicaid reimbursement for certain gastroenterology procedures performed in ambulatory surgical centers.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to take all necessary actions to implement a plan to reimburse ambulatory surgery centers that perform gastroenterology procedures at a rate not less than 100 percent of the Medicare rate for the same procedures.

Proposed law requires LDH to update reimbursement rates for gastroenterology procedures performed in ambulatory surgical centers annually to reflect Medicare rate adjustments.

Proposed law requires LDH to promulgate all necessary rules and regulations to implement proposed law.

Proposed law directs LDH to implement proposed law by Oct. 1, 2026.

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

(Adds R.S. 46:452)