

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 198

2026 Regular Session

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HEALTH: Provides relative to Medicaid reimbursement of ambulatory surgical centers for certain procedures.

DIGEST

Proposed law requires the secretary of the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to take all necessary actions to establish a Medicaid reimbursement rate for gastroenterology procedures performed at an ambulatory surgery at or exceeding 100% of the Medicare rate.

Proposed law requires LDH to take all necessary actions to update the rate annually in line with annual Medicare rate adjustments.

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

Proposed law directs LDH to implement the provision of proposed law, including submission of a Medicaid state plan amendment, by October 1, 2026.

Implementation of proposed law is subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature for this purpose.

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

(Adds R.S. 46:452)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Add additional procedures and surgeries that would be eligible for a modified reimbursement rate in accordance with proposed law.
2. Provides for the reimbursement rate for certain procedures performed at an ambulatory surgery center.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove dental surgery procedures from proposed law.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the reengrossed bill

1. Remove otolaryngology and ophthalmology procedures from proposed law.
2. Provide for the rate established in proposed law.
3. Provide for the annual adjustment to the rate established in proposed law.
4. Provide that implementation of proposed law is subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature for this purpose.
5. Make technical changes.