
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Jackson-Andrews to Reengrossed House Bill No. 198 by Representative Echols

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 3, after the semicolon ";" and before "to" insert:

3 "to provide for a reimbursement rate plan; to provide for implementation; to provide
4 for a deadline;"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 2

6 On page 1, delete lines 7 through 19 and insert:

7 "§452. Medicaid ambulatory surgical center reimbursement plan; Medicare
8 rate comparability

9 A.(1) The Louisiana Department of Health shall develop and implement a
10 plan for increased Medicaid managed care organization reimbursement rates and
11 fee-for-service reimbursement rates for gastroenterology, dental ophthalmology,
12 dental and otolaryngology procedures conducted at ambulatory surgical centers.

13 (2) The reimbursement rate established pursuant to this Section shall be the
14 lesser of the following:

15 (a) The rate paid for the same or similar procedure in an outpatient hospital
16 setting.

17 (b) One hundred percent of the Medicare rate for the same or similar
18 procedure.

19 (3) The plan shall include procedure codes utilized for gastroenterology,
20 ophthalmology, dental and otolaryngology procedures conducted at ambulatory
21 surgical centers and the estimated cost of implementation of the plan.

22 B. The Louisiana Department of Health shall take all necessary actions to
23 annually update the reimbursement rates for gastroenterology, dental,
24 ophthalmology, and otolaryngology procedures conducted at ambulatory surgical
25 centers in accordance with the methodology provided in Subsection A of this
26 Section.

27 C. The Louisiana Department of Health shall submit the plan required by this
28 Section to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on
29 Finance, the House Committee on Health and Welfare, and the House Committee on
30 Appropriations no later than October 1, 2026.

31 D. Not later than October 1, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Health shall
32 take all necessary actions, including but not limited to filing any Medicaid state plan
33 amendment required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, to
34 implement the provisions of this Section.

35 E. The Louisiana Department of Health shall promulgate all rules and
36 regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act as are necessary to
37 implement the provisions of this Section."