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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> DHH		<b>Analyst:</b> Shawn Hotstream
<b>Subject:</b> Hospital Medicaid funding		

FUNDS/FUNDING RR INCREASE SD RV See Note Page 1 of 2  
(Constitutional Amendment) Provides for a hospital stabilization formula and assessment and creates the Hospital Stabilization Fund and provides for uses of the fund

Proposed constitutional amendment creates the Hospital Stabilization Fund in the Treasury.

Proposed constitutional amendment creates an annual Hospital Stabilization Formula that first establishes a base level of payment to hospitals for inpatient and outpatient services, and then authorizes that each annual formula established may apply a rate of inflation (which shall not be a negative rate) from the previous formula adopted by the legislature. The legislature may annually adopt the formula by concurrent resolution by a favorable vote of a majority of the elected members of each house, and will be referred to the standing committees that hear the appropriations bill. Proposed constitutional amendment further establishes an assessment to be paid by hospitals. The base reimbursement shall not be paid from the Hospital Stabilization Fund. Proposed amendment also provides that such assessments may be returned under certain conditions. The legislature shall annually appropriate the balance of the Hospital Stabilization Fund for rate enhancements. See page 2

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW					
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW					
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed constitutional amendment establishes a hospital Medicaid reimbursement formula, implements an annual hospital provider assessment through the formula, requires revenues generated from such assessment to be deposited in a newly created Hospital Stabilization Fund (constitutional fund) in the Treasury, and establishes reimbursement rate enhancements for Medicaid claims and uncompensated care costs. The first formula requires approval of two-thirds of the elected members of each house each year by concurrent resolution. Recurring formulas may be adopted by a favorable vote of a majority of the elected members of each house.

Any additional Medicaid payments paid to hospitals over an established base annually is indeterminable, and will depend on the actual revenues generated through the annual assessment and most recent Hospital Stabilization Formula adopted by the legislature. The revenues generated from the hospital assessment are anticipated to be used as a state match source for the purposes of drawing federal match and making Medicaid claims and Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments over some base reimbursement level. The base reimbursement is anticipated to represent a payment level, and will be calculated in the first formula, and based on payments for inpatient and outpatient hospital services in FY 12/13. The base rate will not be paid from the Hospital Stabilization Fund. It is unclear from the proposed bill if all inpatient hospitals are eligible, however, the bill provides that the formula shall also provide for the preservation and protection of rural hospitals.(See pg 2)

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law establishes the Hospital Stabilization Fund in the state treasury. Revenues deposited into the fund include all proceeds from the assessment on hospital providers. The amount of revenues generated on an annual basis is indeterminable, and the assessment will be based on a formula that will be annually determined by the legislature for the specific fiscal year in which the assessment is collected.

Note: Under certain conditions, the revenues collected and deposited into the fund may cease to be collected and returned by the treasurer. No additional assessment shall be collected and assessments shall be terminated if the legislature fails to adopt a formula for the subsequent fiscal year, or DHH reduces or does not pay reimbursement enhancements. The treasurer shall return any monies collected after the date of termination of an assessment to the hospital from which it was collected.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

  
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**CONTINUED EXPLANATION from page one:**

Expenditure Explanation: Continued

Any assessments and reimbursement enhancements require Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval. Additionally, the measure provides limitations relative to future provider rate cuts, specifically by eliminating the ability to make targeted cuts to hospital providers. The governor may only cut the established base reimbursement level if a reduction is consented to in writing by two-thirds of the elected members of each house (while the legislature is in session), and the reduction does not exceed the average reduction of those made to appropriations applied to other Medicaid providers. If the legislature is not in session, the reduction must be approved by two-thirds of the members of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

The proposed constitutional amendment provides that the proposition be submitted to voters at the November 4, 2014 election, or the first statewide election occurring after the adoption of the Joint Resolution. The November 4, 2014 election is a statewide election, when all precincts in the state are scheduled to be opened. As a regular practice, the Secretary of State budgets for up to 10 constitutional amendments for the fall statewide elections.

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