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Provides for a hospital stabilization formula pursuant to Art. VII, Sec. 10.13 of the Constitution of La. including an assessment, reimbursement enhancements, and a base reimbursement level.

Provides for DHH to calculate, collect, and levy as an assessment from hospitals equal to the lesser of one of the following:

- (1) The state portion of the cost, excluding any federal financial participation, of the reimbursement enhancements from the payment for health care services through the implementation of Medicaid expansion which are directly attributable to payments to hospitals.
- (2) 1% of the total net patient revenue of all hospitals included in the assessment, as reported in the Medicare cost report ending in federal FY 2013.

Further provides for the allocation of the assessment to each assessed hospital based on a pro rata calculation. Authorizes the DHH to exclude certain hospitals from the assessment.

Provides for the assessment if the following occur:

- (1) Implementation of the reimbursement enhancements from the payment for health care services through the implementation of Medicaid expansion on or before April 1, 2016.
- (2) The applicable federal financial participation for newly eligible Medicaid recipients under Medicaid expansion is less than 100%.
- (3) Approval from the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget of the proposed assessment, including a list of each hospital that will be assessed.

Provides for reimbursement enhancements from the following:

- (1) Payment for health care services through the implementation of Medicaid expansion.
- (2) Payment of hospital inpatient and outpatient reimbursement rates which were in effect on Dec. 31, 2010, or such rates that were in effect on June 30, 2013, whichever is greater if there are adequate savings generated from the implementation of Medicaid expansion and funds are appropriated in the budget.

Provides that the hospital base reimbursement level shall not be deemed to be defined and

established until the date of the first collection of the assessment. However, subject to this provision, defines and establishes the hospital base reimbursement level as all of the following inpatient and outpatient hospital reimbursement rates and methodologies under the state plan for the Louisiana medical assistance program in effect on July 1, 2015:

- (1) Inpatient peer group per diem rates.
- (2) Outpatient fee schedules.
- (3) Outpatient cost reimbursed services and cost report settlements.