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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS

HOSPITALS: Provides for a hospital stabilization formula

2	To provide for	r a hospital stabilization formula pursuant to Article VII, Section 10.13 of the
3	Const	tution of Louisiana; to establish the level and basis of hospital assessments;
4	to esta	blish certain reimbursement enhancements for inpatient and outpatient hospital
5	service	es; to establish certain criteria for the implementation of the formula; and to
6	provide for related matters.	
7	WHE	REAS, through the adoption of this Resolution, the Legislature of Louisiana
8	hereby seeks t	o:
9	(1)	Preserve and enhance the availability of inpatient and outpatient hospital
10		services for the citizens of Louisiana.
11	(2)	Preserve and protect rural hospitals as provided in the Rural Hospital
12		Preservation Act, pursuant to R.S. 40:1189.1 et seq.
13	(3)	Enhance the stability of hospital funding by utilizing a fiscally-prudent
14		healthcare driven solution that does not rely on the use of state general fund
15		and provides a reliable and recurring source of funding for healthcare
16		services.
17	(4)	Minimize the effects of shifting the cost of caring for those Louisiana
18		residents who are uninsured to those who are able to obtain health insurance.
19	(5)	Create flexibility to design a plan to provide for more efficient and effective
20		ways to maximize the state's use of monies currently expended for the

1 provision of healthcare services to the state's low income and uninsured 2 residents. 3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 4 enact the annual hospital stabilization formula pursuant to Article VII, Section 10.13 of the 5 Constitution of Louisiana: 6 I. Hospital Stabilization Assessment. 7 A. The Louisiana Department of Health shall calculate, levy, and collect an 8 assessment for each assessed hospital in accordance with Subsection B of this 9 Section if all of the following occur: 10 (1) The applicable federal financial participation, as set forth in 42 U.S.C. 11 1396d(y) of Title XIX of the Social Security Act, is less than one hundred percent. 12 The Louisiana Department of Health has submitted a Medicaid 13 assessment report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. The Medicaid 14 assessment report shall include a description of the proposed assessment, the basis 15 for the calculation of the assessment, and a listing of each hospital included in the 16 proposed assessment. 17 B.(1) The total assessment for the state fiscal year 2018-2019 shall not 18 exceed the lesser of the following: 19 (a) The state portion of the cost of the reimbursement enhancements 20 provided for in Subsection A of Section II of this Resolution which are directly 21 attributable to payments to hospitals, excluding any federal financial participation 22 and any costs associated with Full Medicaid Pricing. 23 (b) One percent of the total inpatient and outpatient hospital net patient 24 revenue of all hospitals included in the assessment, as reported in the Medicare cost report ending in state fiscal year 2015. 25 26 (2) The Louisiana Department of Health shall allocate, levy, and collect the 27 assessment in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Code 28 48:I.4001(F)(2) through (4) as published in Volume 42, Number 11, of the Louisiana

Register and with Subsection B of this Section. Any hospital meeting the definition

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of a rural hospital as defined in R.S. 40:1189.3 shall be excluded from the

2	assessment.
3	(3) The Louisiana Department of Health shall publish on a quarterly basis,
4	no later than thirty days after the end of each quarter, a report containing data
5	directly related to the revenue enhancement provided for in Subsection A of Section
6	II of this Resolution. The report shall include the following:
7	(a) Total Medicaid enrollment on a monthly basis.
8	(b) The average monthly premium paid to managed care organizations
9	providing benefits and services to eligible Medicaid enrollees and the portion of
10	premium related to hospital payments included in this assessment.
11	(c) The aggregate Medicaid claims payment by provider type.
12	(d) The total amount of inpatient and outpatient Medicaid claims paid to
13	hospitals delineated by each individual hospital Medicaid provider number.
14	II. Reimbursement Enhancements.
15	The Louisiana Department of Health shall provide for reimbursement
16	enhancements as follows:
17	(A) Payment for healthcare services through the implementation of a health
18	coverage expansion of the Louisiana medical assistance program that meets all the
19	requirements necessary for the state to maximize federal matching funds as set forth
20	in 42 U.S.C. 1396d(y) of Title XIX of the Social Security Act.
21	(B) Payment of hospital reimbursement rates in an amount no less than the
22	greater of the following:
23	(1) The reimbursement rates in effect for dates of service on or after January
24	1, 2018.
25	(2) For dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, outpatient reimbursement
26	rates which were in effect on June 30, 2009.
27	III. Administration
28	The Louisiana Department of Health shall submit any necessary state plan
29	amendment that may be required in order to implement the provisions of this

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1 Resolution to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services no later than one

hundred and twenty days from the date this Resolution is adopted.

## **DIGEST**

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Provides for a hospital stabilization formula pursuant to Art. VII, §10.13 of the Constitution of La., including assessments and reimbursement enhancements.

Requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to calculate, collect, and levy an assessment from hospitals not to exceed the lesser of one of the following:

- (1) The state portion of the cost of the reimbursement enhancements from the payment for healthcare services through the implementation of Medicaid expansion which are directly attributable to payments to hospitals, excluding any federal financial participation and supplemental Medicaid payments.
- (2) 1% of the total net patient revenue of all hospitals included in the assessment, as reported in the Medicare cost report ending in state FY 2015.

Provides for the assessment if the following occur:

- (1) The applicable federal financial participation for newly eligible Medicaid recipients under Medicaid expansion is less than 100%.
- (2) LDH submits a Medicaid assessment report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

Provides for reimbursement enhancements as follows:

- (1) Payment for healthcare services through the implementation of Medicaid expansion.
- (2) Payment of hospital reimbursement rates in an amount no less than the greater of the following:
  - (a) The reimbursement rates in effect for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2018.
  - (b) For dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2019, outpatient reimbursement rates which were in effect on June 30, 2009.

Requires LDH to quarterly publish a report that includes total Medicaid enrollment, average monthly Medicaid managed care premium rates, aggregate claims by provider, and the total amount of hospital claims by hospital.