
DIGEST

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HB 286 Engrossed

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Abstract: Deems certain healthcare providers to meet credentialing requirements of the Medicaid managed care program by reason of their formal affiliation with certain types of health facilities.

Present law establishes requirements and standards for credentialing by Medicaid managed care organizations of healthcare providers who furnish health services to persons enrolled in the Medicaid managed care program of this state. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law stipulates that all of the following healthcare providers shall be considered to have satisfied, and shall otherwise be exempt from having to satisfy, any credentialing requirements of a Medicaid managed care organization:

- (1) Any healthcare provider who maintains hospital privileges or is a member of a hospital medical staff with a hospital licensed in accordance with present law.
- (2) Any healthcare provider who is a member of the medical staff of a rural health clinic licensed in accordance with present law.
- (3) Any healthcare provider who is a member of the medical staff of a federally qualified health center as defined in present law.

Proposed law provides that if the federal Medicaid agency withholds or defers payment of, or disallows a claim for, federal financial participation, in whole or in part, based upon a determination that a provider exempted by proposed law has not been credentialed or recredentialed as required by federal regulations, the state may recoup from the provider or the hospital an amount equal to the federal monies withheld, deferred, or disallowed, in order that the state is indemnified from all losses and made whole.

Proposed law authorizes the La. Department of Health to promulgate administrative rules to provide for further credential-deeming applicable to other provider types with appropriate safeguards.

(Adds R.S. 46:460.61(F)-(H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Expand the exemption provided in proposed law to include the following healthcare providers:
 - a. Any provider who is a member of the medical staff of a rural health clinic licensed in accordance with present law.
 - b. Any provider who is a member of the medical staff of a federally qualified health center as defined in present law.
2. Provide that if the federal Medicaid agency withholds or defers payment of, or disallows a claim for, federal financial participation, in whole or in part, based upon a determination that a provider exempted by proposed law has not been credentialed or recertified as required by federal regulations, the state may recoup from the provider or the hospital an amount equal to the federal monies withheld, deferred, or disallowed, in order that the state is indemnified from all losses and made whole.
3. Authorize the La. Department of Health to promulgate administrative rules to provide for further credential-deeming applicable to other provider types with appropriate safeguards.