

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 683

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HOSPITALS: Requires the Department of Health and Hospitals to determine a methodology for reimbursement related to uncompensated care costs in Calcasieu Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 46:2762, relative to uncompensated care costs for hospital inpatient acute care
3 services; to require a methodology for reimbursing uncompensated care costs in
4 Calcasieu Parish; to provide for legislative oversight; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 46:2762 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §2762. Methodology for reimbursing uncompensated care costs for hospital inpatient
9 acute care service in Calcasieu Parish

10 A. Prior to August first of each year, the Department of Health and Hospitals
11 shall annually develop and implement a methodology for reimbursing
12 uncompensated care costs for inpatient services provided in nonrural acute care
13 hospitals in Calcasieu Parish. The methodology developed by the department shall
14 be reviewed and approved by the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the
15 Senate Committee on Health and Welfare prior to implementation. The department
16 shall calculate the increase in total uncompensated care costs of each non-CEA
17 hospital over the uncompensated care costs of the same hospital in 2012. Subject to
18 approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the department shall

1 use this calculation to develop and implement a methodology for reimbursing each
2 non-CEA hospital the amount of the increase in uncompensated care costs.
3 Reimbursements to the non-CEA hospital shall be considered a payment to the CEA
4 hospital and therefore, shall reduce the amount payable directly or indirectly to the
5 CEA hospital.

6 B. For purposes of this Section, the term "non-CEA hospital" shall mean a
7 nonrural acute care hospital in Calcasieu Parish that has not entered into a
8 cooperative endeavor agreement with the state for the provision of indigent inpatient
9 acute care services. The term "CEA hospital" shall mean a nonrural acute care
10 hospital in Calcasieu Parish that has entered into a cooperative endeavor agreement
11 with the state for the provision of indigent inpatient acute care services.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH) to develop a methodology for reimbursing nonrural acute care hospitals in Calcasieu Parish.

Proposed law requires the DHH to develop a methodology for reimbursing nonrural acute care hospitals in Calcasieu Parish that do not have a cooperative endeavor agreement (CEA) with the state for the provision of indigent inpatient acute care services by calculating the increase in uncompensated care costs over 2012 costs for those hospitals. Further requires review and approval of the methodology by the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.

Proposed law provides that any reimbursement of uncompensated care costs to a hospital that does not have a CEA with the state shall be considered as a payment to the hospital in the parish that has a CEA with the state and is to be reduced from the amount payable directly or indirectly to the hospital that has a CEA with the state.

(Adds R.S. 46:2762)