

SENATE BILL NO. 235

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER AND REPRESENTATIVES MILLS AND WILLMOTT

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 64 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised  
3 of R.S. 46:2891, relative to Medicaid upper payment limit collaboratives; to provide  
4 for a Medicaid physician upper payment limit methodology to continue access to  
5 healthcare services; to provide for development of funding mechanisms for hospitals;  
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Chapter 64 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
9 comprised of R.S. 46:2891, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 **CHAPTER 64. PHYSICIAN UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT METHODOLOGY**

11 **§2891. Physician upper payment limit methodology**

12 **The Department of Health and Hospitals is hereby authorized to develop**  
13 **mechanisms to support the continued operation of state-funded health care**  
14 **programs, specifically Medicaid, through the utilization of physician upper**  
15 **payment limit reimbursement methodologies. The methodology utilized shall**  
16 **be designed to continue access and delivery of healthcare services to the poor.**  
17 **The implementation of this methodology is subject to federal law and approval**  
18 **of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Participation in the**  
19 **utilization of physician upper payment limit reimbursement methodologies shall**  
20 **be limited to only those hospitals which certify public expenditures to the state**  
21 **of Louisiana.**

22 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
23 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
3 effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_