

Senate Bill 184

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AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, so as to provide that
3 services covered under the state health benefit plan and furnished by a federally qualified
4 health center are reimbursed at no less than the Medicare maximum allowable reimbursement
5 rate; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
6 for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, is amended by adding a new Code
11 section to read as follows:

12 "45-18-6.1.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

14 (1) 'Federally qualified health center' means an entity which meets the definition of a
15 federally qualified health center as described in 42 U.S.C. Section 1905(1)(2)(B).

16 (2) 'Medicare' means coverage under both Parts A and B of Title XVIII of the Social
17 Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1395, et seq., as amended.

18 (3) 'State health benefit plan' means the health insurance plan or plans established
19 pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 and Part 6 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of
20 Title 20 for state and public employees, dependents, and retirees.

21 (b) On and after January 1, 2020, any contracts entered into or renewed by the department
22 for health care coverage for enrollees under the state health benefit plan shall include
23 payment for services furnished to enrollees by federally qualified health centers in an
24 amount no less than the then applicable Medicare maximum allowable reimbursement rate
25 to federally qualified health centers for any such service.

26 (c) This Code section shall not apply to any licensed group model health maintenance
27 organization with an exclusive medical contract."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.