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Abstract: Provides an ethics exception for the employment of physicians hired through the La. Department of Health's Medicaid Program and office of behavioral health.

<u>Present law</u> provides a list of ethics exceptions relative to public officers and employees.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds to the list of exceptions certain physicians employed by the La. Dept. of Health:

- (1) Medical directors employed by the La. Medicaid Program or office of behavioral health.
- (2) Retired behavioral health physicians employed by the office of behavioral health during times of behavioral health physician shortages.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a retired behavioral health physician's contract shall not exceed fifty percent of the retired employee's former salary.

(Adds R.S. 42:1123(44) and (45))