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Proposed law provides that the Department of Health and Hospitals shall not reimburse a hospital emergency room or hospital emergency department at the rate established for emergent care if the Medicaid recipient receiving such care presents for nonemergency services.

Proposed law provides that all nonemergent services rendered at a hospital emergency room or emergency department shall be reimbursed at the same rate paid for outpatient clinic services.

Proposed law defines "nonemergency services" as services provided by a hospital emergency room or emergency department for the treatment of any medical condition other than an "emergency medical condition".

Proposed law defines "emergency medical condition" as a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity, including but not limited to severe pain, that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in placing the health of the patient in serious jeopardy, in serious impairment to bodily functions, or in serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

Proposed law provides that DHH shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 46:450.7)