

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 204

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

MEDICAID: Provides relative to Medicaid provider fees assessed on nonpublic providers of emergency ground ambulance services

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:2626(F)(1)(introductory paragraph), (G)(1) and (5),

3 (H)(1)(d), and (I)(7), relative to Medicaid provider fees; to provide relative to fees

4 on emergency ground ambulance service providers for healthcare services funded by

5 the state Medicaid program; to authorize the Louisiana Department of Health to levy

6 and collect fees on nonpublic providers of emergency ground ambulance services for

7 certain nonemergency transportation services; to provide conditions under which the

8 department may assess such fees; to provide for reimbursement enhancements for

9 providers of certain services subject to Medicaid provider fees; to provide for uses

10 of funds from the Emergency Ground Ambulance Service Provider Trust Fund

11 Account established by the state treasurer within the Louisiana Medical Assistance

12 Trust Fund; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

13 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

14 Section 1. R.S. 46:2626(F)(1)(introductory paragraph), (G)(1) and (5), (H)(1)(d), and  
15 (I)(7) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

16 §2626. Fees on emergency ground ambulance service providers; disposition of fees

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18 F. Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the  
19 department shall adopt and promulgate, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure  
20 Act and in compliance with Article VII, Section 10.14 of the Constitution of

1 Louisiana, a fee to be imposed pursuant to Subsection A of this Section in  
2 accordance with all of the following:

3 (1) The department shall calculate, levy, and collect a fee from every  
4 emergency ground ambulance service provider on each emergency and  
5 nonemergency ground ambulance transport upon the occurrence of all of the  
6 following:

7 \* \* \*

8 G. For each year in which the assessment is in effect, the department shall  
9 provide for reimbursement enhancements in accordance with all of the following:

10 (1) Reimbursement or payment to emergency ground ambulance service  
11 providers by any state or state-sponsored program, including but not limited to the  
12 Bayou Health Plans or their successors, at or above rates at the level which were in  
13 effect on July 1, 2015, for emergency and nonemergency transport and related  
14 services provided pursuant to the Louisiana medical assistance program provided  
15 that funds are appropriated in the budget.

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17 (5) Funds from the Emergency Ground Ambulance Service Provider Trust  
18 Fund Account shall be used to achieve the maximum reimbursement under federal  
19 law and appropriated solely to fund the reimbursement enhancements provided for  
20 in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection as provided in the most recent formula adopted  
21 by the legislature or the secretary as applicable and distributed exclusively among  
22 emergency ground ambulance service providers for emergency and nonemergency  
23 ambulance transportation services provided.

24 H.(1) No additional assessment shall be collected and any assessment shall  
25 be terminated for the remainder of the fiscal year from the date on which any of the  
26 following occur:

27 \* \* \*

28 (d) The amount of the reimbursement for emergency and nonemergency  
29 ground ambulance services payable by any participant in the Bayou Health Plan or



(Amends R.S. 46:2626(F)(1)(intro. para.), (G)(1) and (5), (H)(1)(d), and (I)(7))