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Chapter No.: 93

Prime Sponsor: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Committee

Catch Title: Upper payment limit program-private hospitals.

Subject: Provides increased Medicaid reimbursements for private hospitals who pay into a state fund which is used to obtain matching funds from the federal government

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill establishes the Private Hospital Assessment Act. The Act requires the Department of Health to seek a state Medicaid plan amendment which will require all private hospitals to pay an assessment into a fund maintained by the state. Monies in the fund will be used to obtain matching funds from the federal government which, in turn, will be combined with the original assessments and returned to private hospitals in the form of increased Medicaid reimbursements. Distributions back to private hospitals will be made in an amount necessary to compensate private hospitals up to the “upper payment limit” set by applicable federal law. The payments made to private hospitals are labeled “quarterly adjustment payments.”
- The amount of the assessment imposed on each private hospital is based on each hospital’s net patient revenue. The bill, however, sets limits on the amount of the assessment that can be imposed.
- The Department of Health is allowed to collect up to 1% of the paid assessments for administrative expenses.
- The bill provides penalties for a failure to pay the required assessment.

Comments: This bill creates a major new program, the Private Hospital Assessment Act.

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