



#### Overview

- Hospitals and The Economy
- Health Coverage in Louisiana
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- Industry Solutions



## Hospitals and the Economy

- Louisiana hospitals employ over 99,000 direct employees with a payroll of over \$4.4 billion.
- This accounts for approximately 46% of payroll within the healthcare industry sector.
- Economists estimate that each direct job in a hospital supports 1.4 additional jobs in other industries.
- Every dollar spent by a hospital in the community, including payroll and other expenditures, supports \$.95 of additional business activity.



## Hospitals and the Economy

- Total hospital expenditures, including payroll plus expenditures on supplies and other services, amount to \$13.9 billion annually.
- Overall business activity as measured by business sales, including direct hospital expenditures of \$13.9 billion, amounts to \$27.1 billion annually.
- Personal earnings associated with these business transactions amount to \$9.5 billion, with 240,691 direct and indirect jobs supported by hospital expenditures.
  - These jobs include not only the actual hospital workers, but also construction jobs, service-related jobs, etc.



## **Healthcare Coverage in LA**

- 1.7 million have commercial health insurance 38%
- 1.3 million rely on Medicaid 29%
- 653,000 rely on Medicare 14%
- 813,000 have no insurance coverage 18%

Total: 2.8 million people (61%) covered by underfunded government payors or no coverage



## **LA Medicaid Enrollment History**

#### State Fiscal Year 1997-98

730,898

**Today** 

1.3 million+



## **Medicaid Cuts to Hospitals**

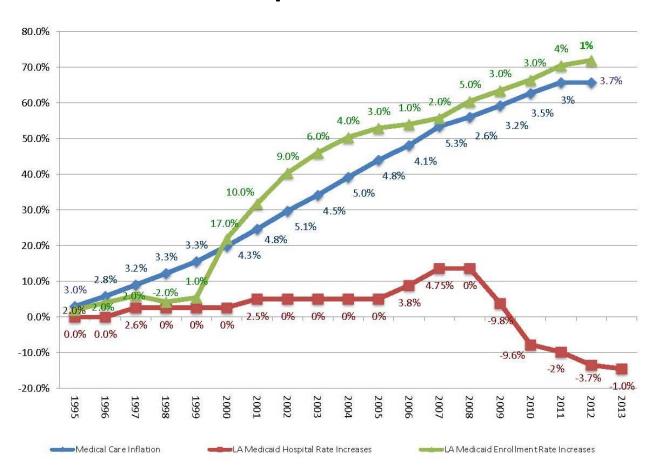
Community non-rural hospital base payments rates have been reduced by a cumulative **26%**, or over **\$260 million** annualized, since 2009.

- Aug 2009 6%(6.3 IP/5.65 OP)
- Feb 2010 5%
- Aug 2010 4.6%

- Jan 2011 2%
- Aug 2012- 3.7%
- Feb 2013 1%



## **Community Hospital Medical Payments Compared to Medical Care Inflation**



Source: Medical Care Inflation per Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Medicaid Enrollment Increases for 1995 and 1996 based on average of three subsequent years; Medicaid Enrollment Increases for 2013 based on Jan 2012 to Jan 2013 comparison

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- **1997** 2.6% Medicaid rate increase
- **2001** \$25 M appropriated for 2.5% Medicaid rate increase
- **2006** \$38 M appropriated for 3.8% Medicaid rate increase
- **2007** \$33 M appropriated for 4.75% Medicaid rate increase
- 2009 3.5% mid-year reduction in February and 6.3% IP / 5.65% OP reduction in August (estimated \$90 M total impact to hospitals including outlier reductions)
- 2010 5% mid-year reduction in February (estimated \$50 M impact to hospitals); 4.6% reduction in August (estimated impact of \$46 M to hospitals)
- 2011 2% mid-year reduction in January (estimated \$18 M impact to hospitals);
- **2012** August Deduction of 3.7% IP and OP (est. \$31.3 M impact to hospitals.)
- 2013 February reduction of 1% IP and OP (estimated \$9 M impact to hospitals.



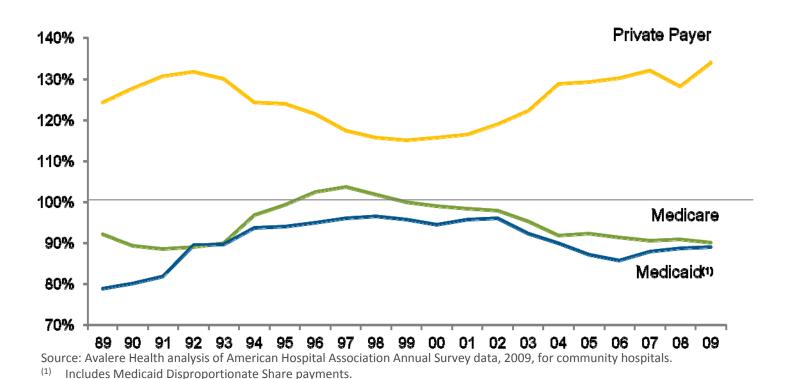
## Making Up the Difference

- Currently, base Medicaid reimbursement rates only cover approximately 60% of what it <u>actually</u> <u>costs</u> to treat a Medicaid patient.
- Individuals and businesses with health insurance have to pay more in higher healthcare insurance premiums to cover these shortfalls.



## **Payment to Cost Ratios**

Aggregate Hospital Payment-to-Cost Ratios for Private Payers, Medicare, and Medicaid, 1989 – 2009



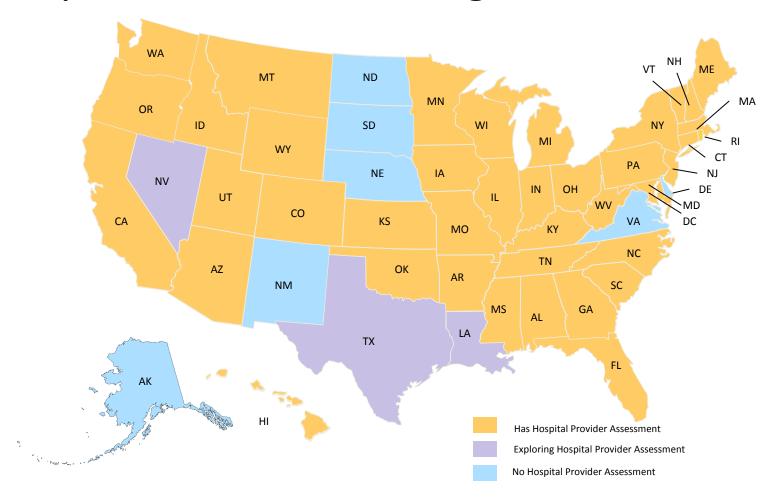


## The Solution for a Stable Funding Stream – What We Propose

- Provider Assessment in effect in 40 other states, 19 of which have passed since 2008
- The same plan that is used by:
  - ICF/MRDD 34 states including LA
  - Nursing Homes 41 states including LA
  - Managed Care 9 states including LA
  - Other, like Pharmacy 12 states including LA



#### Hospital Assessment Programs – FY 2013





### **Constitutional Amendments**

- House Speaker Kleckley (R-Lake Charles) and Rep. Leger (D-New Orleans) introduced HB 532 & HB 533 (both Constitutional Amendments)
  - HB 532 provides for the Hospital Stabilization Formula and Fund.
  - HB 533 creates the Louisiana Medical Assistance
    Trust Fund for existing assessments that are paid by nursing homes, pharmacies and ICF/MRDD homes.

# What Does the Constitutional Amendment Do?

- Secures a sustainable source of funding for providers that is stable, is predictable and more closely reflects the cost of providing services.
- Improves and complements existing programs such as the Rural Hospital Preservation Act and Bayou Health (Medicaid Managed Care).
- Provides assurances that funding generated is used for only for the intended purpose, so money is not "swept."

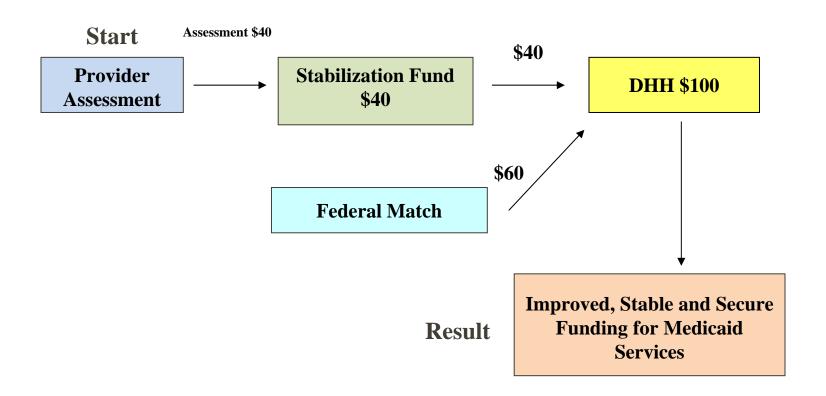


## **Two Step Process for HB 532**

- Constitutional Amendment HB 532 overwhelmingly passed in the 2013 Legislative Session and must pass a vote of the public in November 2014.
- 2. A concurrent resolution provided for in the constitutional amendment would establish the details of the provider assessment program and must be annually approved by the legislature.



## Sample Flow of Funds





#### HBs 532 & 533 - Result

- This is an industry-driven solution;
- Protects patient services for community hospitals, nursing homes, pharmacists and homes for the mentally disabled;
- Ensures that quality care continues for ALL; and
- Continues the positive economic impact to your community.



## **Final Passage**

- LA House of Representatives
  - 99 voted FOR
  - 6 voted Against
  - LA State Senate
  - 33 voted FOR
  - 5 voted Against

#### 43 co-authors



## **Other Supporters**

#### To Date:

- Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI)
  - Program of Work (approved 11/14/13) "Oppose taxes on health plans or health care providers that do not directly increase funding to the health plan or provider industry and therefore may increase the cost of employer-sponsored heath care benefits. Support efforts to design protected fees or taxes that will enhance Medicaid funding to the industry group thereby reducing cost-shifting to consumers and employers."
- Alexandria Chamber of Commerce
- Blueprint Louisiana
- Community and Residential Services Association (CARSA)
- Monroe Chamber of Commerce
- Northshore Legislative Alliance



### **LHA Ask**

We would greatly appreciate the support of your Chamber of Commerce for BOTH Healthcare Constitutional Amendments on Nov. 4, 2014!!!



## Questions?