

# THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE



**Don Gaetz**

*President of the Senate*



**Will Weatherford**

*Speaker of the House of  
Representatives*

May 1, 2013

The Honorable Don Gaetz  
President of the Senate

The Honorable Will Weatherford  
Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on SB 1520, same being:

An act relating to Medicaid.

having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

1. That the House of Representatives recede from its Amendment 874591.
2. That the Senate and House of Representatives adopt the Conference Committee Amendment attached hereto, and by reference made a part of this report.

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The Conference Committee Amendment for SB 1520, relating to Medicaid, provides for the following:

- Amends definition of “rural hospital” to provide that hospitals licensed as rural hospitals in the 2010-2011 or 2011-2012 fiscal years are deemed to continue to be rural hospitals from the date of designation through June 30, 2015, if they continue to have 100 or fewer beds and an emergency room.
- Deletes current law that directs the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to set inpatient hospital rates based on allowable costs. Requires the use of diagnosis-related groups (DRGs) for inpatient hospital reimbursement. Allows DRG reimbursement to be modified if authorized under the GAA. Maintains cost-based rates for hospital outpatient reimbursement.
- Creates the Statewide Medicaid Residency Program in the AHCA. For this program, graduate medical education (GME) dollars related to Medicaid are removed from regular hospital reimbursement payments and will instead be subject to a formula-based distribution. Each hospital participating in the program will receive an annual allocation determined by a calculation of the hospital’s percentage of total residents statewide and the hospital’s percentage of total Medicaid inpatient reimbursement among participating hospitals. Removes the obsolete Community Hospital Education Act from statute.
- Conforms Medicaid third-party liability statutes to a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling.
- Updates the years of audited data that the AHCA uses to determine each hospital’s Medicaid days and charity care for the disproportionate share hospital (DSH) programs. Amends the DSH program for specialty hospitals to account for DSH dollars that previously went to A.G. Holley by redirecting those dollars to hospitals under contract with the Department of Health to provide those services.
- Removes the sunset from a provision in the Medicaid managed care selection and assignment statutes so that Medicaid recipients with HIV/AIDS who fail to choose a managed care plan on their own will continue to be assigned to an HIV/AIDS specialty plan.
- Replaces the current Medicaid county billing methodology with a new cost-sharing system.
- Repeals and replaces a paragraph of proviso in the General Appropriations Act to correct a scrivener’s error.