

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT

Second Reading

BY SENATOR Donovan

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 5, after line 13 insert:

2           "(c) FOR ANY HEALTH-CARE SERVICE WITHOUT AN EXISTING  
3 MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT RATE AND FOR SERVICES THAT HAVE LOW  
4 VOLUME STATEWIDE RELATIVE TO OTHER MEDICARE SERVICES, INCLUDING  
5 PEDIATRIC OR OBSTETRIC SERVICES, AN EQUIVALENT RATE MEANS A RATE  
6 SET BY RULE OF THE COMMISSIONER AFTER CONSULTATION WITH A  
7 STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITALS, PHYSICIANS, OTHER PROVIDERS,  
8 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING. THE  
9 EQUIVALENT RATE MUST UTILIZE THE RATIO OF MEDICAID PAYMENT RATES  
10 TO EXISTING MEDICARE PAYMENT RATES WHENEVER POSSIBLE."

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