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H 2196. MEDICAID RATE/CERTAIN FACILITIES. Filed 5/15/08. *TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, TO PAY CERTAIN FACILITIES THE RATE PAID FOR SHORT-TERM ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS.*

Directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Medical Services, to pay long-term acute care hospitals the same rate as paid to short-term acute care hospitals under Medicaid. Applies this rate change to hospitals that are: (1) licensed as acute care hospitals, (2) certified as long-term care hospitals under Medicare, (3) accredited by JCAHO (Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations), and (4) serving a case-mix index that is the same or higher than short-term acute care hospitals under Medicaid. Requires DHHS to obtain approval for the rate change from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). Provides that the state will pay the full cost of the higher rate if Medicaid prohibits the increase. Effective July 1, 2008.

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