

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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