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Re: Act 540 Uncompensated Care Cost Report - Collected per Survey for Dates of Services 7/1/2017 through 6/30/2018

In response to Senate Bill No. 337 (SB337/Act 540) of the 2008 Regular Session, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) submits the enclosed report. This report can be viewed on LDH's website at <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/newsroom/detail/1454>. The bill requires LDH to provide that as a condition of payment of uncompensated care costs, all state and non-state hospitals and other health care facilities, excluding rural hospitals included in the Rural Hospital Preservation Act and their provider based rural health clinics, report to LDH patient specific data on the amount and type of uncompensated care provided and all requested data on the amount and type of other services and activities financed by uncompensated care payments.

Myers & Stauffer, LC, a certified public accounting firm, was engaged by LDH in SFY 2009 to collect and compile uncompensated care cost data as required by SB 337/Act 540. The attached report from Myers & Stauffer shows uncompensated care cost data for the time period of 7/1/2017 through 6/30/2018.

Hospitals that received Medicaid Disproportionate Share Payments were required to report uninsured patient specific information which included name, dates of service, type of service,

number of inpatient days, number of outpatient visits, billed charges, and uninsured cash collections.

Using each hospital's latest filed Medicare/Medicaid cost report, the cost to charge ratios were calculated and applied to the uninsured charges compiled from the survey to determine the uninsured costs. Inpatient routine, inpatient ancillary, and outpatient uninsured costs are separately identified.

Please feel free to contact me at (225) 342-6726 with any questions or comments that you may have regarding the enclosed report.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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