

June 6, 2008

The Honorable Glenn Koepp  
Secretary of the Senate  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: Senate Bill 401 by Senator Cassidy  
ORGAN TRANSPLANT CENTER GUIDELINES

Dear Mr. Koepp:

I have received a request from the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals to veto Senate Bill 401, along with a letter received by the Secretary from the Division of Survey and Certification, Region VI of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. I agree that an organ transplant center (OTC) that enrolls as a Medicaid provider should meet the criteria established for a Medicare approved organ transplant center, as contemplated by Senate Bill 401. However, as pointed out in the attached request for veto and the correspondence from Region VI of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, I am concerned that the exceptions created by SB 401 violate the current federal regulations for OTCs.

For these reasons, as more fully explained in the attachments, I have vetoed Senate Bill 401 and hereby return it to the Senate.

Very truly yours,

Bobby Jindal  
Governor

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