§ 40-26B-71, Code of Ala. 1975, provides for an assessment on each privately-operated hospital in the state of Alabama as funding for the Alabama Medicaid program. Assessment amounts are due in equal quarterly installments by the fifteenth working day of each quarter of the state’s fiscal year.

The initial installment payment is not due until the Department of Revenue has notified the affected hospitals that the State’s Hospital Funding Program has been approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the 30-day verification period allowed to the hospitals has expired, and all the disproportionate share hospital payments for the fiscal year have been made.

If there is a change in the rate of the assessment or the method of determining the Net Patient Revenue to be used in the assessment calculation, then the first payment due after any such change shall be considered an initial installment payment for determining the due date provided for in paragraph (2).

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