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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 108

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to create a Medicaid transformation plan, and to convene a task force to advise the department in the development of the plan.

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2016, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Executive Order No. JBE 16-01 directing the Department of Health and Hospitals, referred to hereafter as the "department", to take all such actions as are necessary to expand Medicaid eligibility to adults who have incomes at or below one hundred thirty-eight percent of the federal poverty level, with the change in eligibility standards to become effective no later than July 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana has a genuine and longstanding interest in the operation of an efficient, effective state Medicaid program; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of Medicaid coverage to include adults earning incomes of up to one hundred thirty-eight percent of the federal poverty level presents the state with an ideal opportunity to transform the Medicaid program; and

WHEREAS, department officials have expressed an intention to broaden awareness and understanding of opportunities for transformation of the Medicaid program among key stakeholders including legislators, healthcare providers, Medicaid enrollees, and Louisiana citizens who finance the Medicaid program with their tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for the department to obtain input and support from the legislature and the public as it develops the strategies necessary to promote a transformation of the Medicaid program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to create a Medicaid transformation plan which outlines strategies for operating a more efficient and effective Medicaid system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall convene a task force to make recommendations to the secretary of the department concerning development of the Medicaid transformation plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of an appointee from each of the following organizations:

(1) The Louisiana House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

(2) The Louisiana Senate appointed by the president of the Senate.

(3) The Department of Health and Hospitals appointed by the secretary of the department.

(4) The Department of Insurance appointed by the commissioner of insurance.

(5) The Louisiana Association of Health Plans appointed by the chief executive officer of the association.

(6) The Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans appointed by the chancellor of the center.

(7) The Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport appointed by the chancellor of the center.

(8) The Louisiana State Medical Society appointed by the chief executive officer of the organization.

(9) The Louisiana Primary Care Association appointed by the executive director of the association.

(10) The Rural Hospital Coalition appointed by the executive director of the coalition.

(11) The Louisiana Pharmacists Association appointed by the executive director of the association.

(12) The Louisiana Hospital Association appointed by the president of the association.

(13) The Louisiana Dental Association, who shall be appointed by the president of the board of directors of the association.

(14) The Louisiana Ambulance Alliance appointed by the president of the organization.

(15) One representative of Medicaid enrollees of this state appointed by the executive director of the Louisiana Primary Care Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve without compensation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall recommend to the secretary Medicaid transformation strategies which achieve all of the following objectives:

- (1) Reflect Louisiana values.
- (2) Make efficient use of taxpayer dollars.
- (3) Promote personal responsibility.
- (4) Assure access to quality care.
- (5) Improve population health outcomes with evidence-based approaches.
- (6) Provide for adequate and equitable reimbursement for healthcare services.
- (7) Maximize federal funding.
- (8) Protect graduate medical education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislative authority for the task force shall terminate on March 1, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall submit the Medicaid transformation plan required by this Resolution in the form of a written report to the legislature on or before March 1, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall include specific recommendations for enhancing the ability of Medicaid enrollees to use health services efficiently and responsibly, and for better quality of care through incentives which reward value rather than volume.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that innovations in the Medicaid program to be addressed in the plan may include but shall not be limited to the feasibility of implementing

a Section 1115 demonstration waiver program, cost sharing functions inclusive of copayments and coinsurance, health savings accounts, and any other mechanism permitted by federal law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, the commissioner of insurance, the chief executive officer of the Louisiana Association of Health Plans, the chancellor of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans, the chancellor of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, the chief executive officer of the Louisiana State Medical Society, the executive director of the Louisiana Primary Care Association, the executive director of the Rural Hospital Coalition, the executive director of the Louisiana Pharmacists Association, the president of the Louisiana Hospital Association, the president of the board of directors of the Louisiana Dental Association, and the president of the Louisiana Ambulance Alliance.

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