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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 122

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTOUCET AND SENATOR THOMPSON

MEDICAID: Directs DHH to submit a Section 1115 demonstration waiver application in order to utilize certain funding for the Medicaid program

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To direct the Department of Health and Hospitals to submit to the Centers for Medicare and
3	Medicaid Services on or before September 1, 2013, an application for a Section 1115
4	Medicaid demonstration waiver that will allow the use of costs not otherwise
5	matchable authority to receive federal matching funds for designated state and local
6	health programs and to reinvest unencumbered state funds into the Medicaid
7	program.
8	WHEREAS, the current state general budget deficit projected for state Fiscal Year
9	2014 is approximately one billion three hundred million dollars; and
10	WHEREAS, at nearly seven and one-half billion dollars, approximately two billion
11	dollars of which is state general fund monies, Medicaid constitutes the largest single
12	programmatic item in the budget of this state; and
13	WHEREAS, the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for the state's
14	Medicaid program has dropped significantly from approximately seventy-two percent to
15	approximately sixty-three percent in the upcoming state fiscal year, necessitating the
16	infusion of additional state general funds to make up for the loss of federal matching funds;
17	and
18	WHEREAS, even such a large expenditure of state general funds for the Medicaid
19	program does not restore significant reductions imposed on Medicaid providers over the past
20	several years; and

1	WHEREAS, the huge expenditure of state general funds in the Medicaid program
2	also adversely affects other state programs, such as higher education; and
3	WHEREAS, the shortage of state general funds for the foreseeable future will
4	continue to lead to budget reduction in Medicaid, higher education, and other state programs;
5	and
6	WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States
7	Department of Health and Human Services is authorized under federal law to allow for
8	changes in state Medicaid programs that allow use of nonstate public funds in lieu of direct
9	state general funds to finance the state's portion of Medicaid program costs; and
10	WHEREAS, the means to allow such changes is through a waiver of otherwise
11	applicable federal law and regulations pursuant to Section 1115 of the Social Security Act,
12	known as Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration waivers; and
13	WHEREAS, other states have been granted Section 1115 waivers that allow the use
14	of costs not otherwise matchable to receive federal matching funds for designated state and
15	local health programs that are currently funded by the state and local government; and
16	WHEREAS, these programs use existing state and local funds to draw down federal
17	matching funds, thereby reducing the amount of state general funds needed to fund the
18	Medicaid program; and
19	WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana seeks to ensure the highest quality and most
20	efficiently delivered health care for its citizens through the establishment of a delivery
21	system incentive program under a Section 1115 waiver; and
22	WHEREAS, all hospitals and other health care providers may participate in the
23	delivery system incentive program, including rural and critical access hospitals.
24	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
25	authorize and direct the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals to submit to the
26	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on or before September 1, 2013, an application
27	for a Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration waiver that will allow the use of costs not
28	otherwise matchable authority to receive federal matching funds for designated state and
29	local health programs, and to reinvest unencumbered state funds into the Medicaid program.

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Section 1115 waiver request shall preserve
- 2 current upper payment limit (UPL) funding.
- 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 4 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

DIGEST

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