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### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

### BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

# HEALTH/LDH: Requests that the La. Department of Health resume implementation of a Medicaid managed long-term services and supports system

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health to cause the
3	resumption of the department's effort to implement a Medicaid managed long-term
4	services and supports system and to report to the legislative committees on
5	appropriations, finance, and health and welfare by a certain date concerning the
6	status of this effort.
7	WHEREAS, managed long-term services and supports, commonly referred to as
8	"MLTSS", are a means of delivering long-term care for persons with developmental,
9	intellectual, age-related, and physical disabilities through a capitated Medicaid managed care
10	program; and
11	WHEREAS, at least twenty-two state Medicaid programs currently feature an
12	MLTSS system; and
13	WHEREAS, the primary benefits of Medicaid MLTSS, as evidenced in states that
14	have implemented such a system, include improved quality of care and expanded service
15	options for Medicaid enrollees; MLTSS systems also provide a valuable mechanism for cost
16	containment in state Medicaid programs; and
17	WHEREAS, former officials of the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) have
18	indicated that implementation of an MLTSS system would result in considerable Medicaid
19	cost savings by making less expensive, more widely preferred home- and community-based
20	services increasingly available as an alternative to more expensive institutional care; and

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WHEREAS, as indicated in House Resolution No. 224 of the 2017 Regular Session, the secretary of LDH has testified that savings from MLTSS implementation could be seventy million dollars "on the low end"; and WHEREAS, in addition to the substantial savings in Medicaid expected to result from MLTSS implementation, according to the Legislative Fiscal Office, an MLTSS system would generate revenues to the state of up to one hundred million dollars annually through increased collections of premium taxes assessed on Medicaid managed care organizations pursuant to R.S. 22:842; and WHEREAS, since the inception of Medicaid managed care in Louisiana in 2012, when only select groups of Medicaid enrollees were transitioned from a fee-for-service system to the insurance-based managed care model, the state has moved incrementally to institute managed care for additional populations and services; and WHEREAS, as of the date of filing of this Resolution, the only Medicaid enrollees who remain excluded from managed care in this state are those receiving long-term care in institutional or home- or community-based settings; and WHEREAS, in 2013 and 2014, LDH, following procedures and timelines recommended by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, engaged in an extensive planning process for including people with long-term care needs in Medicaid managed care through the creation of an MLTSS system for our state; and WHEREAS, during this planning process, LDH officials stated all of the following to underscore the necessity of implementing an MLTSS system: (1) As there are waiting lists for home- and community-based services numbering in the tens of thousands of people but no waiting lists for institutional care, the department's goal with system transformation in long-term care is to serve a greater proportion of people in the home- and community-based settings of their choice. (2) While only ten to twenty percent of clients of the LDH office for citizens with

developmental disabilities receive care in institutional settings, nearly half of that office's
Medicaid expenditures go to institutional providers.

(3) From surveys and interviews with Medicaid enrollees with long-term care needson what services would be most useful to them, the department found that transportation,

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1	support for integration into the community, and employment support were the most
2	requested services. None of these services are available in institutional settings, but all could
3	be furnished through an MLTSS system serving people who choose to receive care in their
4	own homes and communities; and
5	WHEREAS, based on its thorough planning and the significant amount of input it
6	gathered from stakeholders across the state, LDH developed specifications for the MTLSS
7	system and wrote these specifications into a request for proposals (RFP) for an MLTSS
8	provider; and
9	WHEREAS, LDH announced that it would release the RFP for an MLTSS provider
10	in April of 2015, then indicated in that month that the release of the RFP would be delayed;
11	and
12	WHEREAS, the department ultimately announced in August of 2015 that it would
13	not release the RFP for an MLTSS provider.
14	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15	urge and request the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health to cause the
16	resumption of the department's effort to implement a Medicaid managed long-term services
17	and supports system.
18	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before September 1, 2019, the secretary
19	of the Louisiana Department of Health shall submit to the House Committee on
20	Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Health and
21	Welfare, and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare a report detailing the actions the
22	department has taken, or will take, to resume its implementation of a Medicaid managed
23	long-term services and supports system.
24	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

25 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

### DIGEST

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