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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 211

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

MEDICAID: Directs the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) to extend its Family Flexible Fund waiver provision in cases of emergency

A RESOLUTION

2	To direct the office for citizens with developmental disabilities to extend its Family Flexible
3	Fund waiver provision in cases of emergency via administrative rule.
4	WHEREAS, according to its website, the office for citizens with developmental
5	disabilities serves as the single point of entry for developmental disabilities services; and
6	WHEREAS, it is the duty of the office for citizens with developmental disabilities
7	to oversee public and private residential services and other services for people with
8	developmental disabilities; and
9	WHEREAS, to fulfill its duties, the office for citizens with developmental disabilities
10	performs assessments to determine the eligibility of persons who request services for
11	developmental disabilities; and
12	WHEREAS, the office for citizens with developmental disabilities also provides
13	monthly stipends to the families of people with severe or profound developmental
14	disabilities from birth to age of majority who are deemed eligible; and
15	WHEREAS, such provisions from the office for citizens with developmental
16	disabilities help families meet the extraordinary costs associated with the provision of care
17	for a person with severe or profound developmental disabilities; and
18	WHEREAS, many people who utilize Medicaid home- and community-based waiver
19	programs are afforded flexibility to choose where they want to live; and
20	WHEREAS, those persons are also able to determine which Medicaid services best
21	accommodate their needs; and

1	WHEREAS, the office for citizens with developmental disabilities offers specific
2	service packages and eligibility requirements for each home- and community-based waiver;
3	and
4	WHEREAS, waiver opportunities depend on funding and are offered based on the
5	individual's need and priority level from the screening information in the request for services
6	registry; and
7	WHEREAS, the services that families are able to access using the waiver program
8	include but are not limited to respite care, personal assistance services, specialized clothing,
9	dental and medical services, equipment and supplies, communication services, crisis
10	intervention, specialized utility costs, specialized nutrition, and family education; and
11	WHEREAS, such services are provided through private provider agency contracts
12	or through agreements with individuals and families who obtain their own service providers;
13	and
14	WHEREAS, there have been instances when families have faced undue financial
15	burdens as a result of the expiration of the waiver provisions offered by the office for
16	citizens with developmental disabilities; and
17	WHEREAS, the office for citizens with developmental disabilities extend its waiver
18	provision to ensure that such a burden is never placed on the family of a person with a severe
19	or profound developmental disability.
20	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
21	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the office for citizens with developmental
22	disabilities to extend the Family Flexible Fund waiver provision in cases of emergency via
23	administrative rule by February 1, 2025.
24	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
25	assistant secretary of the office for citizens with developmental disabilities and the secretary
26	of the Louisiana Department of Health.

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DIGEST

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