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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 94

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to submit a report on the implementation of Act 582 of the 2018 Regular Session relative to specialized behavioral health rehabilitation services in the Louisiana Medicaid program.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to submit a report on the
3	implementation of Act No. 582 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature
4	relative to specialized behavioral health rehabilitation services in the Louisiana
5	Medicaid program.
6	WHEREAS, on May 31, 2018, Senate Bill 564 was signed into law as Act No. 582
7	of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature; and
8	WHEREAS, Act No. 582 was necessary to curtail unfettered growth and program
9	misuse in the Medicaid funded mental health rehabilitation program; and
10	WHEREAS, Act No. 582 provided a regulatory framework for providers of
11	community psychiatric support and treatment services (CPST) and psychosocial
12	rehabilitation services (PSR), including requirements for licensure, accreditation, holding
13	a National Provider Identification Number, and credentialing standards that must be met to
14	be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement; and
15	WHEREAS, Act No. 582 further provided for certain education requirements for any
16	employee of a CPST or PSR licensed agency, specifically that any employee rendering
17	CPST or PSR services on behalf of a licensed agency shall hold a minimum of a bachelor's
18	degree from an accredited university or college in the field of counseling, social work,

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1 psychology, or sociology; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 582 further provided for a facility need review program for behavioral health services providers that provide CPST or PSR services preventing the department from issuing facility need review approval for a license to provide CPST or PSR services to any applicant unless the department determines that the evidence and data submitted by the applicant establishes the probability of serious, adverse consequences to recipients' ability to access services if the provider is not allowed to seek licensure; and

8 WHEREAS, Act No. 582 further provided that each behavioral health services 9 provider that provides CPST or PSR services shall employ at least one full-time physician 10 or full-time licensed mental health professional to serve as a full-time mental health 11 supervisor to assist in the design and evaluation of treatment plans for CPST or PSR 12 services; and

WHEREAS, these sweeping changes have been in effect for one year and it is imperative that the department inform the legislature of the status of implementation, the outcomes as a result of implementation, and any recommendations for future changes to the CPST or PSR regulatory scheme established in the law.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana 18 does hereby request the Louisiana Department of Health to submit a report on the 19 implementation of Act No. 582 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature relative to 20 specialized behavioral health rehabilitation services in the Louisiana Medicaid program.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall include, at a minimum, the 22 following:

(1) The number of CPST providers and PSR providers properly licensed and eligible
 to receive Medicaid reimbursement in Louisiana and whether the current number meets
 patient needs.

(2) The number of CPST providers and PSR providers that did not meet the
 requirements for licensure, accreditation, holding a National Provider Identification Number,
 or credentialing standards and have therefore been ineligible for Medicaid reimbursement.
 (3) The number of CPST providers and PSR providers that have experienced

difficulty in securing employees that hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an

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- accredited university or college in the field of counseling, social work, psychology, or
 sociology and whether these allowable degrees should be expanded to include other degree
 types such as human services, social sciences, forensic psychology, or general studies with
 concentrations in psychology, social science, or sociology.
 - (4) The number of CPST providers and PSR providers that have submitted a request

for facility need review and of those, the number approved and the number denied and
whether facility need review is still necessary for these programs.

- 8 (5) The number of CPST providers and PSR providers that have indicated any 9 concerns with employing at least one full-time physician or full-time licensed mental health 10 professional to serve as a full-time mental health supervisor to assist in the design and 11 evaluation of treatment plans for CPST or PSR services.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before October 1, 2019, the department shall submit the implementation and outcome data requested, in addition to any observations or recommendations for future changes as may be necessary to ensure the effectiveness, efficiency, and long-term stabilization of Medicaid funded CPST and PSR services for Louisiana Medicaid recipients.
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

18 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

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