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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 187

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

HEALTH/EMERG MED SERVICE: Urges and requests the Louisiana Department of Health to facilitate implementation of mobile integrated emergency response programs and nonemergency community paramedicine programs

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to facilitate the implementation of
3 mobile integrated emergency response programs and nonemergency community
4 paramedicine programs for the state of Louisiana and to create and administer a pilot
5 program in a limited geographic area for this purpose.

6 WHEREAS, it is well established that emergency care is one of the costliest forms
7 of healthcare delivery, and overutilization of emergency services is one of the major cost
8 drivers in our healthcare system; and

9 WHEREAS, several states have instituted mobile integrated emergency response
10 programs and nonemergency community paramedicine programs which use evidence-based
11 practices to improve emergency response times, facilitate post-hospital discharge care, deter
12 preventable hospital readmission, and provide for other benefits that address the problem of
13 unnecessary overutilization of emergency departments and the associated costs; and

14 WHEREAS, mobile integrated emergency response programs and nonemergency
15 community paramedicine programs can be cost-savers and improve patient outcomes; and

16 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health can rely upon the frameworks
17 already established in other states to promote and develop these programs.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
19 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health

1 to facilitate the implementation of mobile integrated emergency response programs and
2 nonemergency community paramedicine programs for the state of Louisiana.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
4 of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to collaborate
5 with various stakeholders, including but not limited to healthcare providers, managed care
6 organizations, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, to facilitate and
7 accomplish all of the following:

8 (1) Identify and overcome any impediments to the development, implementation,
9 and financing of mobile integrated emergency response programs and nonemergency
10 community paramedicine programs in the state of Louisiana.

11 (2) Create the standards for, implement, and administer a pilot program, in a manner
12 consistent with existing scope of practice laws, under the auspices of the Louisiana
13 Department of Health, in collaboration with Medicaid managed care organizations.

14 (3) Identify and obtain sources of financial support for the implementation of the
15 pilot program, provide participation incentives to Medicaid managed care organizations as
16 mutually agreed upon by the organizations and the Louisiana Department of Health, and
17 ensure that the participation program is actuarially and financially sound and beneficial to
18 the Medicaid managed care organizations.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the implementation of the pilot program shall
20 be contingent on available and appropriate funding and reimbursement outside of the current
21 funding allocated for emergency medical transportation.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall report
23 on the results of the pilot program, including but not limited to health outcomes and the
24 potential for shared savings, to the House Committee on Health and Welfare and shall
25 provide recommendations as necessary to facilitate the implementation of these programs
26 throughout the state.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
28 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

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