

1 WHEREAS, using random sampling, the legislative auditor recently found that
2 roughly eight percent of Medicaid enrollees were ineligible for benefits; and

3 WHEREAS, similarly, in a recent quarterly review of roughly one-third of the
4 Medicaid population for income eligibility verification purposes, LDH found that
5 approximately eight percent of Medicaid enrollees were ineligible for benefits; and

6 WHEREAS, if the remaining two-thirds of Medicaid enrollees were subject to the
7 same quarterly eligibility review, it is likely that a similar percentage would be found
8 ineligible for benefits; however, due to the department's election to provide extended periods
9 of continuous eligibility for the persons comprising this group (mainly pregnant women and
10 children) through its voluntary enrollment in a maintenance of effort option offered by the
11 federal Medicaid agency, no member of this population of over one million one hundred
12 thousand enrollees is subject to quarterly eligibility verification.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14 urge and request the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health to reconsider the
15 department's election to exclude roughly two-thirds of the state's Medicaid enrollees from
16 quarterly income eligibility verification.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before September 1, 2019, the Louisiana
18 Department of Health shall submit to the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate
19 Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Health and Welfare, and the Senate
20 Committee on Health and Welfare a report detailing the actions it has taken, or will take, to
21 subject to quarterly income eligibility verification all Medicaid enrollees for whom such
22 eligibility verification is allowed by federal policy.

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

DIGEST

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