

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Children and Family Services requested to waive the
2 ABAWD time limit throughout the state from September 1, 2017 through August 21, 2018;
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4 WHEREAS, the Department of Children and Family Services supported its request
5 based upon the state having an average unemployment rate twenty percent above the
6 national average for the twenty-four month period of September 2014 through August 2016;
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8 WHEREAS, during this time period the national average unemployment rate was
9 five and two tenths percent; Louisiana's unemployment rate was over six percent; and

10 WHEREAS, the policy of this state must be designed to encourage self-sufficiency
11 so that recipients may reduce dependence on public benefits to meet basic needs and become
12 economically self-reliant.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14 urge and request the Department of Children and Family Services to eliminate the waiver
15 of work requirements for certain persons receiving benefits and to implement a policy
16 designed to improve enrollee health and well-being through incentivizing work and
17 community engagement among non-elderly, non-pregnant adult Medicaid beneficiaries who
18 are eligible for Medicaid on a basis other than disability.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature does hereby urge and request that
20 the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services refrain from applying for
21 a waiver of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program work requirements for able-bodied
22 adults without dependents absent legislative authorization.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24 secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.

DIGEST

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engagement among non-elderly, non-pregnant adult Medicaid beneficiaries who are eligible for Medicaid on a basis other than disability.

Requests the Dept. of Children and Family Services refrain from applying for a waiver of SNAP work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents absent legislative authorization.