

1 Medicare Advantage, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and issuers of
2 qualified health plans on the federally facilitated health insurance exchanges; and

3 WHEREAS, the Interoperability and Patient Access Final Rule will provide for better
4 access by patients to their own health information while improving processes for maintaining
5 the privacy and security of that information; and

6 WHEREAS, the final rule also features standards for application programming
7 interfaces to support provider directories and patient access to claims, encounter data, and
8 clinical information; requirements for payer-to-payer data exchanges; and provisions for
9 public reporting of providers who do not list or update their digital contact information in
10 the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System; and

11 WHEREAS, successful compliance with this rule by the Louisiana Department of
12 Health, along with the Medicaid managed care organizations with which the department
13 contracts, will be a landmark achievement in patient access to health information that will
14 provide substantial, long-awaited benefits to healthcare consumers throughout our state.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health and the Medicaid managed care
17 organizations with which it contracts to plan for actions that are necessary for their
18 compliance with the Interoperability and Patient Access Final Rule.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before October 1, 2020, the Louisiana
20 Department of Health shall submit to the House Committee on Health and Welfare, the
21 Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research
22 Library a report addressing the actions it has taken, or will take, to ensure both its own
23 compliance with the Interoperability and Patient Access Final Rule and compliance with that
24 rule by the Medicaid managed care organizations of this state.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
26 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the executive director of the Louisiana
27 Medicaid Managed Care Organization Association.

DIGEST

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Requests the La. Department of Health and the Medicaid managed care organizations with which it contracts to plan for actions necessary for compliance with newly issued federal rules on interoperability of health records and access by patients to their health data.

Requests that the department report on these plans to the legislative committees on health and welfare on or before Oct. 1, 2020.