

1 WHEREAS, the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine conducted a
2 study in 2012 and reported that opioid use among Louisiana workers' compensation
3 claimants had significantly increased; and

4 WHEREAS, a study in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine in
5 2009 relating to the use and cost of opioids in Louisiana workers' compensation claims
6 reported that the annual cumulative dose and cost of opioids per claim increased while at the
7 same time opioid use in the United States increased by one hundred twenty-seven percent;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, a study further identified that opioid dosage escalates as claims mature;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, a long-term study related to lumbar fusion among workers'
12 compensation claimants found forty-one percent in daily opioid use after surgery and
13 seventy-six percent continued opioid use after surgery; and

14 WHEREAS, the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence published a
15 study relating to early management of persistent non-specific low back pain that found
16 manual therapies such as manipulation, mobilization, massage, mobilization of soft tissues,
17 and passive mobilization of soft tissues were effective in treatment of acute low back pain;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, a Canadian study of effectiveness and cost effectiveness of chiropractic
20 management of low back pain concluded the constellation of evidence demonstrated the
21 effectiveness and cost effectiveness that the treatment was safe and that there were high rates
22 of patient satisfaction; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1989, Western Journal of Medicine reported higher patient
24 satisfaction with chiropractic physicians for the treatment of low back pain and patients also
25 reported quicker recoveries; and

26 WHEREAS, development of this pilot program can aid in the development of how
27 insurance companies can provide and help their insured members by providing information
28 to assist in conservative care treatment choices and encouraging them to take advantage of
29 the benefits to receive effective conservative care; and

1 WHEREAS, the insurance companies may provide incentives to waive co-payments
2 and deductibles as an incentive to participate in this pilot program; and

3 WHEREAS, the insurers may educate insureds of the benefits related to conservative
4 care; and

5 WHEREAS, this pilot program may provide physicians and other conservative care
6 providers the guidelines to follow when treating patients within the context of this program.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Conservative Care
9 Group to take such actions as are necessary to establish a pilot program to help consumers
10 seek a conservative care plan from physicians to limit the use of opioids which comports
11 with the requirements and specifications provided in this Resolution.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Conservative Care Group submit
13 a report of findings and outcomes of the pilot program to the House Committee on Health
14 and Welfare and the David R. Poytner Legislative Research Library not later than sixty days
15 prior to the convening of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any insurer which chooses to participate in this
17 program shall provide claims data to the Chiropractic Association of Louisiana to access the
18 outcomes of this program and inform the report required by this Resolution.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pilot program outlined in this Resolution
20 shall be used to guide the integration of this program into health insurance benefits and into
21 workers' compensation payers' efforts to improve outcomes related to opioid use for injured
22 workers. The statement regarding co-payments and deductibles will not apply in workers'
23 compensation. However, worker's compensation payers may consider other incentives to
24 encourage injured workers with acute low back pain to seek conservative care first consistent
25 with Louisiana medical treatment guidelines and this program.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
27 executive director of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners and the president of
28 the Chiropractic Association of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests that the Louisiana Conservative Care Group develop a pilot program between insurance companies and conservative care providers in an effort to address opioid abuse when seeking low back pain care management.