

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 88

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

MEDICAID: Urges and requests the La. Department of Health to utilize increased collections from pharmacy rebates to increase rates for primary care providers in the Medicaid program

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To request the Louisiana Department of Health to utilize increased collections from  
3 pharmacy rebates to increase rates for primary care providers in the Medicaid  
4 program.

5 WHEREAS, the term "primary care" refers to routine healthcare services delivered  
6 by clinicians who are accountable for addressing a large majority of personal healthcare  
7 needs, developing a sustained partnership with patients, and practicing in the context of  
8 family and community; this care includes screening, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment  
9 for the purpose of promoting a person's health and detecting and managing a person's disease  
10 or injury; and

11 WHEREAS, primary care is a vital component of any healthcare system and is  
12 essential for improving and maintaining the health of any population; and

13 WHEREAS, enhancing healthcare provider reimbursement rates for primary care in  
14 the Louisiana Medicaid program is a direct incentive for increasing the availability of this  
15 much-needed care in our state; and

16 WHEREAS, House Resolution 1 of the 2020 Second Extraordinary Session of the  
17 Legislature requested a study of the costs and benefits of setting Medicaid reimbursement  
18 rates for primary care services equivalent to Medicare rates for those services; and

19 WHEREAS, the resulting study found that Louisiana's Medicaid program pays on  
20 average 67% of the rates provided by Medicare; and

1           WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Executive Budget recommendation includes  
2 \$951,025,994 in pharmacy rebates that offset the expenditure need of the Medicaid program;  
3 and

4           WHEREAS, the Medicaid Estimating Conference received testimony at its meeting  
5 on April 12, 2022, that projected pharmacy rebate amounts could exceed the amounts  
6 recommended in the Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

7           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
8 request the Louisiana Department of Health to utilize these additional pharmacy rebates to  
9 increase base reimbursement rates provided to primary care and pediatric office visit  
10 Evaluation and Management codes up to one hundred percent of the Medicare  
11 reimbursement rates provided for primary care services in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget.

12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
13 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the director of the Louisiana Medicaid  
14 program.

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DIGEST

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Requests the La. Department of Health to utilize increased pharmacy rebate collections within the Medicaid program in Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to increase primary care and pediatric office visit reimbursement rates to levels provided by Medicare.