

1 WHEREAS, the resulting study found that Louisiana's Medicaid program pays on
2 average sixty-seven percent of the rates provided by Medicare; and

3 WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Executive Budget recommendation includes
4 nine hundred fifty-one million twenty-five thousand nine hundred ninety-four dollars in
5 pharmacy rebates that offset the expenditure need of the Medicaid program; and

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

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

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
16 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the director of the Louisiana Medicaid
17 program.

DIGEST

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Add reimbursement language for pharmacists to acquire prescription drugs.
2. Make technical corrections.