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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 99

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

MEDICAID: Requests the La. Department of Health to fully utilize the NASPO ValuePoint process to procure Medicaid management information system components and services

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to fully utilize the National
3	Association of State Procurement Officials' ValuePoint process to procure Medicaid
4	management information system components and services.
5	WHEREAS, ValuePoint is the cooperative contracting arm of the National
6	Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO), a nonprofit organization formed in
7	1947 and comprised of the chief procurement officials of all fifty states, Washington, D.C.,
8	and the United States territories which supports best practices in public procurement
9	throughout the country; and
10	WHEREAS, the federal government works with NASPO to help remedy recurring
11	issues in state procurement especially related to complex services needed to deliver federally
12	funded programs; and
13	WHEREAS, for these purposes, the federal government and NASPO have created
14	the NASPO ValuePoint procurement process whereby the federal government vets and
15	pre-approves high-quality vendors and authorizes states to expeditiously secure high-quality
16	contractors for certain programs; and
17	WHEREAS, the NASPO ValuePoint process enables states to leverage the spending
18	power of numerous participating states through a single solicitation with value-added
19	benefits and superior contract terms; and
20	WHEREAS, NASPO ValuePoint and its associated contractors focus on price,
21	quality, reliability, warranties, and service while protecting states' interests with favorable
22	terms and conditions; and

1	WHEREAS, states benefit from the lower administrative costs of processing
2	solicitations by leveraging the expertise of procurement and subject matter experts across
3	state boundaries; and
4	WHEREAS, this division of labor allows states to share their resources, efficiently
5	meet the needs of their end users, and better serve the public; and
6	WHEREAS, states that utilize the NASPO ValuePoint procurement process have the
7	opportunity to select one or more vetted companies to compete for contracted work; and
8	WHEREAS, the NASPO ValuePoint procurement process allows states to receive
9	services from a federally vetted vendor with specific subject matter experience and expertise,
10	significantly protecting those states against the possibility of federal penalties associated
11	with vendors that do not adequately perform; and
12	WHEREAS, in prior years, the United States Department of Health and Human
13	Services has penalized the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) for not meeting federal
14	standards relating to Medicaid management information system (MMIS) components; and
15	WHEREAS, like agencies of other states, LDH has the full capability and authority
16	to utilize the NASPO ValuePoint procurement process to avoid potential penalties and
17	secure proven providers for certain components of its MMIS; and
18	WHEREAS, LDH utilizing the NASPO ValuePoint procurement process would
19	enhance the department's ability to address many findings of the Louisiana Legislative
20	Auditor's performance audits relative to this state's MMIS; and
21	WHEREAS, the NASPO ValuePoint procurement process can facilitate a better
22	experience for both providers in and beneficiaries of this state's Medicaid program; and
23	WHEREAS, this procurement process would not limit LDH's authority to make
24	stipulations to NASPO ValuePoint providers relating to the opening of offices in Louisiana
25	and the hiring of Louisiana residents to reflect the demographics of this state; and
26	WHEREAS, to assist states with administering complex federal programs, the
27	NASPO ValuePoint evaluation, scoring, and award process is purposely completed in an
28	open, fully transparent, competitive bid and solicitation environment to ensure compliance
29	with as many procurement processes and policies of U.S. states as possible.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

2 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to fully utilize the National Association

- 3 of State Procurement Officials' ValuePoint process to procure Medicaid management
- 4 information system components and services.
- 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 6 commissioner of administration, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, and

7 the executive director of the Louisiana Managed Medicaid Association.

DIGEST

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Health and Welfare</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Specify that the instrument pertains to Medicaid management information system components and services.