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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 99

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to fully utilize the National Association of State Procurement Officials' ValuePoint process to procure Medicaid management information system components and services.

WHEREAS, ValuePoint is the cooperative contracting arm of the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO), a nonprofit organization formed in 1947 and comprised of the chief procurement officials of all fifty states, Washington, D.C., and the United States territories which supports best practices in public procurement throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, the federal government works with NASPO to help remedy recurring issues in state procurement especially related to complex services needed to deliver federally funded programs; and

WHEREAS, for these purposes, the federal government and NASPO have created the NASPO ValuePoint procurement process whereby the federal government vets and pre-approves high-quality vendors and authorizes states to expeditiously secure high-quality contractors for certain programs; and

WHEREAS, the NASPO ValuePoint process enables states to leverage the spending power of numerous participating states through a single solicitation with value-added benefits and superior contract terms; and

WHEREAS, NASPO ValuePoint and its associated contractors focus on price, quality, reliability, warranties, and service while protecting states' interests with favorable terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, states benefit from the lower administrative costs of processing solicitations by leveraging the expertise of procurement and subject matter experts across state boundaries; and

WHEREAS, this division of labor allows states to share their resources, efficiently meet the needs of their end users, and better serve the public; and

WHEREAS, states that utilize the NASPO ValuePoint procurement process have the opportunity to select one or more vetted companies to compete for contracted work; and

WHEREAS, the NASPO ValuePoint procurement process allows states to receive services from a federally vetted vendor with specific subject matter experience and expertise, significantly protecting those states against the possibility of federal penalties associated with vendors that do not adequately perform; and

WHEREAS, in prior years, the United States Department of Health and Human Services has penalized the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) for not meeting federal standards relating to Medicaid management information system (MMIS) components; and

WHEREAS, like agencies of other states, LDH has the full capability and authority to utilize the NASPO ValuePoint procurement process to avoid potential penalties and secure proven providers for certain components of its MMIS; and

WHEREAS, LDH utilizing the NASPO ValuePoint procurement process would enhance the department's ability to address many findings of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's performance audits relative to this state's MMIS; and

WHEREAS, the NASPO ValuePoint procurement process can facilitate a better experience for both providers in and beneficiaries of this state's Medicaid program; and

WHEREAS, this procurement process would not limit LDH's authority to make stipulations to NASPO ValuePoint providers relating to the opening of offices in Louisiana and the hiring of Louisiana residents to reflect the demographics of this state; and

WHEREAS, to assist states with administering complex federal programs, the NASPO ValuePoint evaluation, scoring, and award process is purposely completed in an open, fully transparent, competitive bid and solicitation environment to ensure compliance with as many procurement processes and policies of U.S. states as possible.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to fully utilize the National Association of State Procurement Officials' ValuePoint process to procure Medicaid management information system components and services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of administration, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, and the executive director of the Louisiana Managed Medicaid Association.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE