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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 211

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to implement a policy prohibiting excessive Medicaid reauthorizations for patients using life-sustaining devices.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to implement a policy prohibiting
3 Medicaid managed care organizations from requiring an excessive amount of
4 reauthorizations for patients utilizing life-sustaining devices.

5 WHEREAS, "life-sustaining device" is defined by the Centers for Medicare and
6 Medicaid Services as a device that is essential to, or that yields information that is essential
7 to, the restoration or continuation of a bodily function important to the continuation of
8 human life; and

9 WHEREAS, patients prescribed life-sustaining devices are burdened with a number
10 of outside factors that inhibit a patient's access to care, such as travel barriers, geographic
11 disparities, clinician shortages, and appointment availability; and

12 WHEREAS, an increased frequency of required reauthorizations when a patient's
13 life-sustaining medical needs have not changed places an undue burden on prescribing
14 physicians and patients.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
16 does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to implement a policy
17 prohibiting Medicaid managed care organizations from requiring an excessive amount of
18 reauthorizations for patients utilizing life-sustaining devices.

