

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 111

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

MEDICAID. Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to authorize coverage through the Medicaid program for portable oxygen concentrators, when medically necessary.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to authorize coverage through the  
3 Louisiana Medicaid program for portable oxygen concentrators, when medically  
4 necessary.

5 WHEREAS, oxygen is an essential medicine used to care for patients at all levels of  
6 the healthcare system, including in surgery, trauma, heart failure, asthma, pneumonia, and  
7 maternal and child care; and

8 WHEREAS, oxygen concentrators are devices that draw room air through a series  
9 of filters that remove dust, bacteria, and other particulates; and

10 WHEREAS, an oxygen concentrator delivers supplemental oxygen to individuals  
11 who experience drops in blood oxygen levels due to medical conditions such as chronic  
12 obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), COVID-19, and lung cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, there are two common types of oxygen concentrators: stationary and  
14 portable; and

15 WHEREAS, a portable oxygen concentrator draws oxygen from the air around it,  
16 eliminating the need for refillable tanks and making it smaller and lighter than stationary  
17 oxygen concentrators or portable oxygen tanks; and

18 WHEREAS, most portable oxygen concentrators are shorter than knee height and are

