



1           WHEREAS, this ICAP service score combines adaptive and maladaptive behavior  
2 scores to indicate the overall level of care, supervision, or training required to support the  
3 resident; and

4           WHEREAS, this score informs the daily reimbursement rate that Medicaid pays to  
5 the ICFF/DD to provide care for the individual; and

6           WHEREAS, ICF/DD providers across the state have expressed concern that the  
7 ICAP tool, which has been in use in Louisiana since 2005, is outdated and does not  
8 accurately capture the needs of the current population of ICF/DD residents; and

9           WHEREAS, the ICAP only assesses adaptive and maladaptive behaviors when  
10 determining an individual's score; and

11           WHEREAS, additional individual characteristics such as medical issues, diseases,  
12 physical disabilities, equipment needs, and mobility issues are not factored into the score and  
13 thus not factored into the individual's per diem reimbursement rate and these kinds of details  
14 are key in determining an individual's true level of need and should be considered in the rate  
15 methodology; and

16           WHEREAS, the limitations of the ICAP assessment instrument are becoming a  
17 growing issue as the ICF/DD population ages and the nonbehavioral needs have become a  
18 larger priority for many of these individuals; and

19           WHEREAS, ICF/DD providers have reported referral denials for individuals with  
20 more complex medical issues, physical disabilities, equipment needs, and mobility issues  
21 because such needs are not covered in the per diem determined by the ICAP; and

22           WHEREAS, ICF/DD providers have urged LDH to study alternative assessment  
23 tools that might better capture the needs of this population and inform a more appropriate  
24 rate methodology for a number of years and it is the duty of the Louisiana Legislature to  
25 ensure that the study is conducted.

26           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
27 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health  
28 to form a work group to study alternative instruments that could be used to inform  
29 reimbursement rates based on the level of need of individual ICF/DD residents.

