

1 WHEREAS, the office for citizens with developmental disabilities offers specific
2 service packages and eligibility requirements for each home- and community-based waiver;
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4 WHEREAS, waiver opportunities depend on funding and are offered based on the
5 individual's need and priority level from the screening information in the request for services
6 registry; and

7 WHEREAS, the services that families are able to access using the waiver program
8 include but are not limited to respite care, personal assistance services, specialized clothing,
9 dental and medical services, equipment and supplies, communication services, crisis
10 intervention, specialized utility costs, specialized nutrition, and family education; and

11 WHEREAS, such services are provided through private provider agency contracts
12 or through agreements with individuals and families who obtain their own service providers;
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14 WHEREAS, there have been instances when families have faced undue financial
15 burdens as a result of the expiration of the waiver provisions offered by the office for
16 citizens with developmental disabilities; and

17 WHEREAS, the office for citizens with developmental disabilities extend its waiver
18 provision to ensure that such a burden is never placed on the family of a person with a severe
19 or profound developmental disability.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the office for citizens with developmental
22 disabilities to extend the Family Flexible Fund waiver provision in cases of emergency via
23 administrative rule by February 1, 2025.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
25 assistant secretary of the office for citizens with developmental disabilities and the secretary
26 of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

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