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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 132

BY SENATOR MCMATH

HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to update the Medicaid outpatient laboratory fee schedule to cover all CPT codes related to respiratory viral panels.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to update the Medicaid outpatient  
3 laboratory fee schedule to cover all CPT codes related to respiratory viral panels.

4 WHEREAS, hospitals and healthcare providers throughout Louisiana are impacted  
5 by the Louisiana Department of Health's decision to not update their laboratory fee schedule  
6 to cover all CPT codes related to respiratory viral panels; and

7 WHEREAS, healthcare providers that participate in Louisiana Medicaid currently  
8 cannot be reimbursed for respiratory viral panels for certain infectious viral diseases; and

9 WHEREAS, the utilization of respiratory panels is a means of detecting potential  
10 respiratory infections which might complicate a patient's diagnosis and treatment options;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health has recognized the need for the  
13 Medicaid program of this state to cover and pay for laboratory testing for respiratory viral  
14 infections, particularly when the testing utilizes high-throughput technology; and

15 WHEREAS, when ordered by a Louisiana hospital or healthcare provider, these  
16 respiratory viral panels provide a useful and effective means of identifying, quickly treating,  
17 and limiting the spread of serious respiratory infections.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Senate does hereby urge and

1 request the Louisiana Department of Health to update the Medicaid outpatient fee schedule  
2 to cover all CPT codes related to respiratory viral panels to ensure that Louisiana hospitals  
3 and healthcare providers can bill appropriately for testing using respiratory viral panels.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
5 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and to the chief medical director of  
6 Louisiana Medicaid.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Amanda Trapp.

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