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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 297

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

HEALTH/LDH: Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to promulgate rules and regulations to create an exception to facility need review procedures for certain behavioral health service providers

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to promulgate rules to create an
3 exception to facility need review procedures for behavioral health service providers
4 that offer psychosocial rehabilitation or community psychiatric support if the
5 providers meet certain requirements.

6 WHEREAS, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), more
7 than forty-seven percent of adults in Louisiana report symptoms of anxiety or depression;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, according to NAMI, over one hundred eighty thousand people in
10 Louisiana have a serious mental illness; and

11 WHEREAS, according to NAMI, of the nearly two hundred thousand adults in
12 Louisiana who did not receive needed mental health care, more than forty percent did not
13 because of the cost of care; and

14 WHEREAS, according to a community needs assessment conducted by the Acadiana
15 Human Services District of the residents of Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St.
16 Landry, St. Martin, and Vermilion parishes, more than one thousand seven hundred children
17 had a substance abuse disorder, and, of that group, over one thousand five hundred children
18 did not receive treatment; and

19 WHEREAS, according to the United States Government Accountability Office, from
20 2013 through 2020, many rural hospitals and healthcare provider's offices have closed their

1 doors, thus increasing the distance between people living in rural areas and access to
2 common healthcare services; and

3 WHEREAS, in recent years, Louisiana has made efforts to decrease the barriers to
4 accessing mental health services by supporting telehealth and increasing broadband access
5 to people living in rural areas; and

6 WHEREAS, facility need review and similar policies that restrict healthcare
7 providers and professionals from expanding care into rural areas inhibit efforts to increase
8 access to health care.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health
11 (LDH) to promulgate rules to create an exception to facility need review procedures for
12 behavioral health service providers that offer psychosocial rehabilitation or community
13 psychiatric support if the providers meet all of the following requirements:

14 (1) The behavioral health service provider was licensed as a behavioral health
15 service provider by LDH on or before January 1, 2024.

16 (2) The behavioral health service provider is seeking to add psychosocial
17 rehabilitation services or community psychiatric support and treatment services to be offered
18 in the provider's licensed service area.

19 (3) The behavioral health service provider is not operating under a provisional
20 license issued by LDH.

21 (4) The behavioral health service provider is not subject to a current license
22 suspension, license revocation, or license nonrenewal action.

23 (5) The behavioral health service provider is not under a current settlement
24 agreement with LDH.

25 (6) The behavioral health service provider has not been cited for any immediate
26 jeopardy deficiencies or repeat deficiencies by LDH in the last two years.

27 (7) The behavioral health service provider has not been issued any sanctions for
28 immediate jeopardy deficiencies or repeat deficiencies by LDH in the last two years.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall
2 provide an update on rule promulgation in the form of a written report to the House
3 Committee on Health and Welfare on or before November 1, 2024.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
5 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

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Requests a written report to the House Committee on Health and Welfare on or before Nov. 1, 2024.