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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

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CONGRESS. Memorializes Congress to avoid cuts to the Medicaid program.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to avoid cuts to the federal Medicaid program and to recognize the vital importance of Medicaid in maintaining the health, stability, and economic well-being of Louisiana residents and the broader healthcare system.

WHEREAS, Medicaid is a critical lifeline for over 1.6 million Louisianians, including children, pregnant women, seniors, people with disabilities, and working families with low incomes; and

WHEREAS, nearly seventy percent of nursing home residents in Louisiana rely on Medicaid to cover their long-term care needs; and

WHEREAS, over half of all births in the state are covered by Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has made thoughtful, state-tailored decisions about how to administer Medicaid, with bipartisan support and in partnership with federal agencies, to ensure the program delivers essential health services efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Medicaid program supports the stability of Louisiana's healthcare infrastructure, especially in rural areas, by reimbursing hospitals, community health centers, and other providers, including private providers for preventive care, emergency services, prenatal and postnatal care, and other critical medical services; and

1 WHEREAS, cuts to Medicaid at the federal level would disproportionately impact
2 populations in Louisiana who have no alternative source of care, exacerbating existing poor
3 health outcomes and potentially leading to worse outcomes, especially in rural communities;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, reductions in Medicaid funding would shift the burden of
6 uncompensated care onto hospitals and providers, many of which already operate under
7 significant financial constraints, particularly in rural parishes; and

8 WHEREAS, uncompensated care ultimately results in higher private insurance
9 premiums and costs for all Louisianians and weakens the broader health care delivery
10 system; and

11 WHEREAS, if changes to Medicaid are considered to ensure long-term
12 sustainability, they should be targeted, evidence-based, and developed in consultation with
13 states and stakeholders to protect access to essential services; and

14 WHEREAS, additional restrictions that may harm caregivers, individuals with
15 undiagnosed or untreated disabilities, or those facing significant life challenges should be
16 avoided; and

17 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature affirms its commitment to safeguarding the
18 health of all residents and recognizes that Medicaid is foundational to this mission.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
20 memorialize the Congress of the United States to oppose sweeping or indiscriminate cuts to
21 Medicaid and to instead work in partnership with states to strengthen and preserve the
22 program for the future.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted
24 to the secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of the United States House of
25 Representatives, each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress,
26 and the secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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