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A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, multiple professional medical societies, including the American Society

1 of Clinical Oncology, have called for streamlined and expedited prior authorization
2 processes in oncology care; and

3 WHEREAS, in 2023, the Louisiana Legislature enacted the Cancer Patient's Right
4 to Prompt Coverage Act requiring health insurance issuers to offer an expedited review of
5 prior authorization requests for any services typically covered under a health plan and related
6 to the diagnosis or treatment of cancer; and

7 WHEREAS, the mission of the Louisiana Department of Health is to protect and
8 promote health for all residents of Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, the Department of Insurance is the state regulator of the insurance
10 industry in Louisiana and serves as advocate for the state's insurance consumers; and

11 WHEREAS, in order to ensure cancer patients receive timely access to medically
12 necessary treatments, it is vital for the Department of Insurance to study, jointly with the
13 Department of Health, and make recommendations on establishing state resources to oversee
14 and improve the prior authorization process in oncology care.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
16 does hereby authorize and request the Department of Insurance to create a task force to
17 study, jointly with the Department of Health, the feasibility of forming an independent
18 review board to assist cancer patients and healthcare providers with prior authorization
19 processes that do not comply with the Cancer Patient's Right to Prompt Coverage Act.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be comprised of interested
21 stakeholders, including but not limited to the following members:

- 22 (1) The commissioner of insurance.
- 23 (2) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.
- 24 (3) The executive director of the Louisiana State Medical Society.
- 25 (4) The executive director of the Louisiana Oncology Society.
- 26 (5) The chief executive officer of the Louisiana Association of Health Plans.
- 27 (6) The executive director of the Cancer Association of Louisiana.
- 28 (7) The executive director of the Louisiana Hospital Association.
- 29 (8) A board-certified oncologist.
- 30 (9) A clinical pharmacist specializing in oncology medications.

1 (10) A patient advocate with lived experience in cancer care.

2 (11) A representative of the American Society of Clinical Oncologists.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study, the task force shall do
4 all of the following:

5 (1) Make a comprehensive, evidence-driven, and patient-centered review of insurers'
6 current prior authorization procedures relative to compliance with the Cancer Patient's Right
7 to Prompt Coverage Act.

8 (2) Evaluate possible solutions including but not limited to a comparison of policies,
9 procedures, and best practices used by other states.

10 (3) Make recommendations on establishing state resources to oversee and improve
11 the prior authorization process in oncology care.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may engage and solicit input,
13 recommendations, and guidance from any interested person.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commissioner of insurance shall serve as the
15 chairman of the task force and the staff of the Department of Insurance shall provide support
16 to the task force.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each member of the task force may appoint a
18 designee who shall serve on the task force on his behalf.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the names of proposed members of the task
20 force shall be submitted to the commissioner of insurance by August 1, 2025, and the
21 commissioner of insurance shall thereafter call the first meeting of the task force by
22 September 15, 2025.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve
24 without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be
25 individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall
27 constitute a quorum of the task force, and any official action by the task force shall require
28 an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that meetings of the task force shall be subject to the
30 Open Meetings Law, R.S. 42:11 et seq., and records of the task force shall be subject to the

1 Public Records Law, R.S. 44:1 et seq.; however, any personally identifiable information or
2 claims, reimbursement, and other data or information provided by a health insurer, health
3 plan, or other insurance issuer shall be kept confidential.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall meet as necessary and
5 provide a written report of its findings from the study, together with any recommendations
6 for legislation, to the Senate and House committees on insurance, the Senate and House
7 committees on health and welfare, and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library
8 no later than December 31, 2025.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate upon the date of
10 submission of its report.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
12 commissioner of insurance and the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

 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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