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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 292

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT

MEDICAID: Urges and requests the La. Dept. of Health to increase Medicaid coverage for healthcare services required by individuals with gestational diabetes mellitus

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study the feasibility of updating
3 its Medicaid coverage policy and fee schedule to more adequately provide access to
4 healthcare services required by individuals at-risk for gestational diabetes mellitus
5 or otherwise qualifying gestational diabetes mellitus patients and report its findings
6 no later than January 1, 2026.

7 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health has determined maternal health to
8 be a priority within its Strategic Plan; and

9 WHEREAS, gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) occurrences in the Louisiana
10 Medicaid population increased from ten and two-tenths percent to fourteen and eight-tenths
11 percent in recent years and have remained around fourteen percent; and

12 WHEREAS, prominent risk factors for GDM, such as obesity and sedentary
13 behaviors, remain prevalent in the Louisiana Medicaid population in addition to Medicaid
14 populations typically facing additional health adversities; and

15 WHEREAS, increased occurrences of GDM have been linked to the long-term future
16 health of both the mother and child; and

17 WHEREAS, continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) services have been proven to
18 significantly reduce the complications arising from GDM by providing real-time glucose
19 readings and helping guide informed decisions involving insulin usage, diet, and exercise,
20 as well as insights involving nocturnal hyperglycemia; and

1 WHEREAS, current CGM Medicaid coverage policies provide coverage only for
2 insulin-dependent GDM patients and do not afford coverage for all at-risk or otherwise
3 qualifying GDM patients; and

4 WHEREAS, if not appropriately managed, GDM can result in complexities and
5 additional risks for both the mother and the child through the pregnancy, such as excessive
6 fetal growth, premature births, and respiratory distress; and

7 WHEREAS, the cost for expanding coverage to additional qualifying GDM Medicaid
8 patients is estimated to be between five hundred thousand and one million dollars; and

9 WHEREAS, incentive-based reimbursement mechanisms already in existence
10 between the Louisiana Department of Health, Healthy Louisiana Managed Care
11 Organizations, and hospitals could afford the opportunity to expand coverage with existing
12 resources.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health
15 to study the feasibility of updating its Medicaid coverage policy and fee schedule to more
16 adequately provide access to continuous glucose monitoring services for all at-risk or
17 otherwise qualifying maternal patients facing gestational diabetes mellitus.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall study
19 the potential coverage policy updates, the costs associated with expanding the Louisiana
20 Medicaid CGM coverage policies for maternal health, the long-term cost savings to the
21 Louisiana healthcare system, and the potential health risks of leaving current policies in
22 place.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall
24 provide a written report of its findings including a coverage policy analysis to the House
25 Committee on Health and Welfare no later than January 1, 2026, unless after performing
26 the study the Louisiana Department of Health elects to update the maternal CGM coverage
27 policy prior to that date.

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

DIGEST

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