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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 164

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

MEDICAID: Requests DHH to study the most effective means by which to ensure open access to HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C medications by persons enrolled in Medicaid managed care

A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to study the most effective 3 means by which to ensure open access to HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C medications by 4 persons enrolled in the Medicaid managed care program known as "Bayou Health" 5 and to report its findings to the House Committee on Health and Welfare. 6 WHEREAS, the provisions of Subpart 3 of Part I of Title 50 of the Louisiana 7 Administrative Code, LAC 50:I.3101 et seq., authorize the Department of Health and 8 Hospitals, hereafter referred to as the "department", to implement a system of Medicaid 9 managed care known officially as "coordinated care networks"; and 10 WHEREAS, this Medicaid managed care program is known commonly as "Bayou Health"; and 11 12 WHEREAS, the stated purposes of Bayou Health are to achieve cost savings and 13 promote better health outcomes by providing Medicaid funding to private insurance 14 companies to manage health care delivery for a majority of the Medicaid enrollees of this 15 state; and 16 WHEREAS, unlike in the segment of the Medicaid program that the department still 17 manages directly, the pharmacy subprogram of which is regulated by R.S. 46:153.3, the 18 Bayou Health plans are not required to utilize pharmaceutical and therapeutics committees 19 to develop prescription drug formularies through an open process which allows for public 20 input; and

1 WHEREAS, the lack of transparency in the development of the Bayou Health plans' 2 drug formularies is of particular concern to Medicaid enrollees who live with HIV/AIDS or 3 hepatitis C, or are coinfected with these diseases; and 4 WHEREAS, due to the pronounced fiscal and public health benefits of effective disease management and preventive care for medically needy persons living with HIV/AIDS 5 6 or hepatitis C, or who are coinfected, it is in the best interest of this state to remove 7 unnecessary impediments to such care; and 8 WHEREAS, open access to necessary prescription medications is a critical 9 component of disease management and preventive care for all persons living with HIV/AIDS or hepatitis C, or who are coinfected. 10 11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Health and 13 Hospitals to study the most effective means by which to ensure open access to HIV/AIDS 14 and hepatitis C medications by enrollees in the Medicaid managed care program known as 15 "Bayou Health". 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall provide the findings of this 17 study in the form of a report to the House Committee on Health and Welfare on or before 18 December 31, 2013. 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

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secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

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