

1 bronchitis; and

2 WHEREAS, research has shown that up to eighty percent of babies catch pertussis
3 from family members, usually a parent; and

4 WHEREAS, the spread of pertussis may be limited by increasing the vaccination rate
5 among pregnant women, parents, and family members; and

6 WHEREAS, Act No. 159 of the 2013 Regular Session requires a hospital to offer the
7 Tdap vaccination to each parent of a newborn infant prior to discharge from the hospital; and

8 WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends
9 pregnant women receive the Tdap vaccination during pregnancy.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
11 urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to seek a Medicaid state plan
12 amendment from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to include as a Medicaid
13 service the Tdap vaccine for pregnant women and to provide a cost analysis to the legislature
14 for providing this Medicaid service.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
16 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

DIGEST

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SCR No. 62

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