

1 (4) One member appointed by the legislative auditor who has expertise in
2 fraud detection and prevention.

3 (5) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker
4 of the House of Representatives.

5 (6) One member of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate.

6 C. The task force shall include the following nonvoting advisory members
7 who, upon request of the task force chairman, shall cooperate with and assist in the
8 efforts of the task force:

9 (1) One advisory member appointed by the secretary of the Louisiana
10 Department of Health.

11 (2) One advisory member appointed by the secretary of the Department of
12 Revenue.

13 D. At the first meeting of the task force, the members of the task force shall
14 select one eligible member to serve as chairman. Any member except a legislator
15 shall be eligible to serve as chairman of the task force.

16 E.(1) The task force shall adopt rules of procedure and any other policies as
17 may be necessary to facilitate the work of the group.

18 (2) The task force may form subcommittees for examination of special topics
19 and issues within the overall subject matter of Medicaid fraud detection and
20 prevention.

21 §440.6. Purposes of the task force

22 The purposes of the task force shall include the following:

23 (1) To study and evaluate on an ongoing basis the laws, rules, policies, and
24 processes by which the state implements Medicaid fraud detection and prevention
25 efforts.

26 (2) To identify and recommend opportunities for improving coordination of
27 Medicaid fraud detection and prevention initiatives across state agencies and
28 branches of state government.

1 (3) To identify any systemic or systemwide issues of concern within the
2 Medicaid program with respect to fraud, waste, and abuse.

3 (4) To develop recommendations for policies and procedures by which to
4 facilitate and implement all of the following:

5 (a) Random sampling of Medicaid cases to be selected for verification of
6 enrollee eligibility.

7 (b) Improvements in the Medicaid program integrity functions of the
8 Louisiana Department of Health.

9 (c)(i) Optimization of data mining among state-owned data sets for purposes
10 of Medicaid fraud detection and prevention.

11 (ii) For purposes of this Subparagraph, "data mining" means the practice of
12 electronically sorting data through statistical modeling, intelligent technologies, and
13 other methods in order to uncover patterns, relationships, and other indicators of
14 actual or potential Medicaid fraud, waste, or abuse.

15 (5) To make reports to the governor and to the legislature in accordance with
16 R.S. 46:440.7.

17 §440.7. Reporting

18 A. On or before January 1, 2018, and semiannually thereafter, the task force
19 shall prepare and submit to the governor and the legislature a report concerning the
20 status of Medicaid fraud detection and prevention initiatives and the status of efforts
21 to coordinate such initiatives across state agencies and branches of state government.

22 B. At minimum, the report required by this Section shall include
23 information, analysis, and commentary related to each purpose of the task force
24 enumerated in R.S. 46:440.6, and may include any other information as the task
25 force deems necessary or appropriate.

26 §440.8. Termination

27 The provisions of this Subpart shall terminate on August 1, 2018.

1 Section 2. The attorney general shall take such actions as are necessary to ensure that
2 the task force on coordination of Medicaid fraud detection and prevention initiatives created
3 by the provisions of Section 1 of this Act convenes on or before September 1, 2017.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates a task force on coordination of Medicaid fraud detection and prevention initiatives and provides for purposes and duties of the task force.

Proposed law creates a six-member task force on coordination of Medicaid fraud detection and prevention initiatives (hereafter, the "task force") within the office of the attorney general.

Proposed law authorizes appropriation by the legislature of monies in the Medical Assistance Programs Fraud Detection Fund for activities of the task force.

Proposed law provides that the task force shall be composed of the following members:

- (1) The attorney general or his designee.
- (2) One member appointed by the attorney general who has expertise in fraud detection and prevention.
- (3) The legislative auditor or his designee.
- (4) One member appointed by the legislative auditor who has expertise in fraud detection and prevention.
- (5) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (6) One member of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate.

Proposed law provides that the task force shall include the following nonvoting advisory members, and provides that these advisory members shall cooperate with and assist in the efforts of the task force upon request of the task force chairman:

- (1) One advisory member appointed by the secretary of the La. Department of Health.
- (2) One advisory member appointed by the secretary of the Department of Revenue.

Proposed law provides that at its first meeting, the task force shall select one eligible member to serve as chairman. Provides that any member except a legislator shall be eligible to serve as chairman of the task force.

Proposed law requires the task force to adopt rules of procedure and any other policies as may be necessary to facilitate the work of the group. Authorizes the task force to form subcommittees for examination of special topics and issues within the overall subject matter of Medicaid fraud detection and prevention.

Proposed law provides that the purposes of the task force shall include the following:

- (1) To study and evaluate on an ongoing basis the laws, rules, policies, and processes by which the state implements Medicaid fraud detection and prevention efforts.
- (2) To identify and recommend opportunities for improving coordination of Medicaid fraud detection and prevention initiatives across state agencies and branches of state government.
- (3) To identify any systemic or systemwide issues of concern within the Medicaid program with respect to fraud, waste, and abuse.
- (4) To develop recommendations for policies and procedures by which to facilitate and implement all of the following:
 - (a) Random sampling of Medicaid cases to be selected for verification of enrollee eligibility.
 - (b) Improvements in the Medicaid program integrity functions of the La. Department of Health.
 - (c) Optimization of data mining among state-owned data sets for purposes of Medicaid fraud detection and prevention.
- (5) To make reports to the governor and to the legislature as provided in proposed law.

Proposed law provides that or before Jan. 1, 2018, and semiannually thereafter, the task force shall prepare and submit to the governor and the legislature a report concerning the status of Medicaid fraud detection and prevention initiatives and the status of efforts to coordinate such initiatives across state agencies and branches of state government. Provides that the report shall include information, analysis, and commentary related to each purpose of the task force enumerated in proposed law, and may include any other information as the task force deems necessary or appropriate.

Proposed law requires the attorney general to convene the task force on or before Sept. 1, 2017.

Proposed law creating and providing for the task force terminates on Aug. 1, 2018.

(Adds R.S. 46:440.1(E)(2) and R.S. 46:440.4-440.8)