

1 WHEREAS, the overall cost of Louisiana's Medicaid program has increased from
2 approximately six billion dollars in 2012 to more than twelve billion dollars in 2018, and this
3 state's Medicaid spending is anticipated to grow to more than fourteen billion dollars by
4 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, state Medicaid programs must be innovative in order to continue to
6 provide quality health services while enrollment growth increases and costs continue to
7 escalate; and

8 WHEREAS, innovative state Medicaid programs include initiatives that improve
9 both health outcomes and overall quality of life for Medicaid enrollees; and

10 WHEREAS, in order to achieve the goal of improving public health, Medicaid
11 programs should not just assist participants with health coverage, but should also consider
12 initiatives that provide opportunities for disease management, community engagement, and
13 economic advancement; and

14 WHEREAS, case management is an evidence-based method of improving health
15 outcomes and making that service mandatory could lower healthcare costs and significantly
16 improve the health status of many Medicaid recipients.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
18 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study the potential implementation
19 of mandatory case management for Medicaid recipients identified as high-risk.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study called for in this
21 Resolution, the Louisiana Department of Health shall do all of the following:

22 (1) Communicate with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to determine
23 the feasibility of mandatory case management and strategies for implementing such a
24 program; and

25 (2) Examine the potential submission of a waiver application to the Centers for
26 Medicare and Medicaid Services through which this state would request an exemption to the
27 federal rule requiring that case management be voluntary.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall issue
29 findings and recommendations from the study called for in this Resolution in the form of a

1 report to the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health
2 and Welfare on or before January 1, 2019.

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

DIGEST

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Requests the La. Department of Health to study the potential implementation of mandatory case management for certain Medicaid recipients and to report findings of the study to the legislative committees on health and welfare.