

1 WHEREAS, as indicated in House Resolution No. 224 of the 2017 Regular Session,
2 the secretary of LDH has testified that savings from MLTSS implementation could be
3 seventy million dollars "on the low end"; and

4 WHEREAS, in addition to the substantial savings in Medicaid expected to result
5 from MLTSS implementation, according to the Legislative Fiscal Office, an MLTSS system
6 would generate revenues to the state of up to one hundred million dollars annually through
7 increased collections of premium taxes assessed on Medicaid managed care organizations
8 pursuant to R.S. 22:842; and

9 WHEREAS, since the inception of Medicaid managed care in Louisiana in 2012,
10 when only select groups of Medicaid enrollees were transitioned from a fee-for-service
11 system to the insurance-based managed care model, the state has moved incrementally to
12 institute managed care for additional populations and services; and

13 WHEREAS, as of the date of filing of this Resolution, the only Medicaid enrollees
14 who remain excluded from managed care in this state are those receiving long-term care in
15 institutional or home- or community-based settings; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2013 and 2014, LDH, following procedures and timelines
17 recommended by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, engaged in an
18 extensive planning process for including people with long-term care needs in Medicaid
19 managed care through the creation of an MLTSS system for our state; and

20 WHEREAS, during this planning process, LDH officials stated all of the following
21 to underscore the necessity of implementing an MLTSS system:

22 (1) As there are waiting lists for home- and community-based services numbering
23 in the tens of thousands of people but no waiting lists for institutional care, the department's
24 goal with system transformation in long-term care is to serve a greater proportion of people
25 in the home- and community-based settings of their choice.

26 (2) While only ten to twenty percent of clients of the LDH office for citizens with
27 developmental disabilities receive care in institutional settings, nearly half of that office's
28 Medicaid expenditures go to institutional providers.

29 (3) From surveys and interviews with Medicaid enrollees with long-term care needs
30 on what services would be most useful to them, the department found that transportation,

1 support for integration into the community, and employment support were the most
2 requested services. None of these services are available in institutional settings, but all could
3 be furnished through an MLTSS system serving people who choose to receive care in their
4 own homes and communities; and

5 WHEREAS, based on its thorough planning and the significant amount of input it
6 gathered from stakeholders across the state, LDH developed specifications for the MTLSS
7 system and wrote these specifications into a request for proposals (RFP) for an MLTSS
8 provider; and

9 WHEREAS, LDH announced that it would release the RFP for an MLTSS provider
10 in April of 2015, then indicated in that month that the release of the RFP would be delayed;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the department ultimately announced in August of 2015 that it would
13 not release the RFP for an MLTSS provider.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 urge and request the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health to cause the
16 resumption of the department's effort to implement a Medicaid managed long-term services
17 and supports system.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before September 1, 2019, the secretary
19 of the Louisiana Department of Health shall submit to the House Committee on
20 Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Health and
21 Welfare, and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare a report detailing the actions the
22 department has taken, or will take, to resume its implementation of a Medicaid managed
23 long-term services and supports system.

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

DIGEST

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