

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 260

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH. Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to study and make recommendations relative to a behavioral health Medicaid managed care carve-out.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study and make
3 recommendations relative to a behavioral health Medicaid managed care carve-out.

4 WHEREAS, behavioral healthcare services in the Louisiana Medicaid program have
5 been in a constant state of administrative flux for the past ten years; first being fee-
6 for-service, then being in a single managed care organization, and then being carved-in to
7 five separate managed care organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, this has proven to be a logistical challenge for the many behavioral
9 healthcare providers who provide mental health and addictive disorder services to tens of
10 thousands of Louisiana Medicaid recipients; and

11 WHEREAS, it is believed by many that the most effective and efficient way to better
12 administer Medicaid behavioral health services would be to carve the services back out of
13 the five separate managed care organizations and return to a single managed care contractor
14 or restore to fee-for-service.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
16 does hereby request the Louisiana Department of Health to study and make
17 recommendations relative to a behavioral health Medicaid managed care carve-out.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall convene a working group

1 of stakeholders to determine the most appropriate administrative management for Medicaid
2 behavioral health services, including whether behavioral health should be carved-out of
3 managed care.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the Louisiana Department of
5 Health shall convene the working group on or before September 1, 2019.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall be composed of the
7 following members:

8 (1) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee, who shall
9 serve as the chairman of the working group.

10 (2) The assistant secretary of the office of behavioral health, within the Louisiana
11 Department of Health, or his designee.

12 (3) The Louisiana Medicaid director, or his designee.

13 (4) One member representing the office of the governor, designated by the governor.

14 (5) The executive director of the Louisiana Medicaid MCO Association, or his
15 designee.

16 (6) The president of the Louisiana Association of Behavioral Health Providers, or his
17 designee.

18 (7) The president of the Louisiana Medical Society, or his designee.

19 (8) The president of the Louisiana Hospital Association, or his designee.

20 (9) Up to twelve members who are practicing behavioral health service providers
21 selected by the president of the Louisiana Association of Behavioral Health Providers.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall meet as often as
23 considered necessary to fulfill its charge and shall serve without compensation, except per
24 diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be individually entitled to as members
25 of their respective organizations.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group submit its findings and
27 recommendations to the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana on or before March 1, 2020.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
29 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the assistant secretary of the office of
30 behavioral health within the Louisiana Department of Health, the Louisiana Medicaid

1 director, the governor, the executive director of the Louisiana Medicaid MCO Association,
2 the president of the Louisiana Association of Behavioral Health Providers, the president of
3 the Louisiana Medical Society, and the president of the Louisiana Hospital Association.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

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DIGEST
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Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to study and make recommendations relative to a behavioral health Medicaid managed care carve-out and submit a report of findings and recommendations to the Senate on or before March 1, 2020.