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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

HEALTH CARE/RECORDS: Requests a report on actions by the La. Dept. of Health and Medicaid managed care organizations to comply with federal rules on interoperability of health records and patient access to health information

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health and the Medicaid managed care
3	organizations with which it contracts to plan for actions that are necessary for their
4	compliance with newly issued federal rules on interoperability of health records and
5	access by patients to their health data and to request that the department report on
6	these plans to the legislative committees on health and welfare.
7	WHEREAS, in March of 2019, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of
8	the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, referred to hereafter in this Resolution
9	as "CMS", began the promulgation of an administrative rule known as the "CMS
10	Interoperability and Patient Access Proposed Rule" (84 Fed. Reg. 7610 (March 4, 2019));
11	and
12	WHEREAS, this proposed rule outlined policies that, according to CMS, are
13	intended to move the healthcare system in the direction of interoperability and to signal the
14	federal health agency's commitment to the vision set forth in the 21st Century Cures Act
15	(Public Law 114-255) and Executive Order 13813 for improving quality and accessibility
16	of information that Americans need to make informed decisions concerning their health care;
17	and
18	WHEREAS, now finalized as the Interoperability and Patient Access Final Rule
19	(CMS-9115-F), this set of federal regulations focuses on driving interoperability and patient
20	access to health information by liberating patient data through CMS's authority to regulate

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- 1 Medicare Advantage, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and issuers of
- 2 qualified health plans on the federally facilitated health insurance exchanges; and
- WHEREAS, the Interoperability and Patient Access Final Rule will provide for better
 access by patients to their own health information while improving processes for maintaining
 the privacy and security of that information; and

6 WHEREAS, the final rule also features standards for application programming 7 interfaces to support provider directories and patient access to claims, encounter data, and 8 clinical information; requirements for payer-to-payer data exchanges; and provisions for 9 public reporting of providers who do not list or update their digital contact information in 10 the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System; and

WHEREAS, successful compliance with this rule by the Louisiana Department of Health, along with the Medicaid managed care organizations with which the department contracts, will be a landmark achievement in patient access to health information that will provide substantial, long-awaited benefits to healthcare consumers throughout our state.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 16 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health and the Medicaid managed care 17 organizations with which it contracts to plan for actions that are necessary for their 18 compliance with the Interoperability and Patient Access Final Rule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before October 1, 2020, the Louisiana Department of Health shall submit to the House Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library a report addressing the actions it has taken, or will take, to ensure both its own compliance with the Interoperability and Patient Access Final Rule and compliance with that rule by the Medicaid managed care organizations of this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the executive director of the Louisiana
 Medicaid Managed Care Organization Association.

DIGEST

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