## 2020 Regular Session

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 84

## BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

# MEDICAID MANAGED CARE: Requests that data on timeliness of provider payments be included in the Healthy Louisiana Claims Report

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to include certain data on
3	timeliness of healthcare provider claim payments in the Healthy Louisiana Claims
4	Report.
5	WHEREAS, Louisiana transformed its Medicaid program into a managed care model
6	in 2012; and
7	WHEREAS, this fundamental shift largely did away with a fee-for-service Medicaid
8	provider payment system operated by the state Medicaid agency, the Louisiana Department
9	of Health (LDH), and replaced it with a risk-based managed care model in which private
10	companies known as managed care organizations (MCOs) contract with the agency to
11	coordinate health services for Medicaid enrollees in exchange for capitated per-member-per-
12	month payments; and
13	WHEREAS, the Medicaid managed care program is known publicly as Healthy
14	Louisiana and serves roughly ninety percent of our state's Medicaid enrollees through five
15	contracted MCOs that, collectively, coordinate and manage health care for nearly one and
16	a half million covered lives; and
17	WHEREAS, R.S. 46:460.91, enacted by Act No. 710 of the 2018 Regular Session,
18	requires LDH to produce and submit to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and
19	the legislative committees on health and welfare a quarterly report entitled the "Healthy
20	Louisiana Claims Report"; and

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WHEREAS, this statute is a recent addition to a series of laws that the legislature has passed since the advent of managed care to provide for greater transparency and improve public accountability in a program in which nearly thirty-two percent of Louisiana's population is enrolled, and that encompasses roughly twenty-five percent of the state's annual operating budget; and

6 WHEREAS, the Healthy Louisiana Claims Report addresses several important 7 measures relating to disposition by MCOs of healthcare provider claims for payment, but 8 does not provide any information on whether the MCOs, individually or as a group, furnish 9 timely reimbursement to healthcare providers who treat Medicaid patients; and

WHEREAS, timeliness of claims payments in Medicaid managed care is especially important in Louisiana as it can enhance provider retention in a Medicaid program that cannot afford to lose quality providers who furnish essential health services to the people of our state.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 15 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to include in the Healthy Louisiana 16 Claims Report data on timeliness of healthcare provider claim payments by each Medicaid 17 managed care organization which, at minimum, include an average and a median 18 days-to-payment metric for all claims reflecting the number of calendar days elapsed from 19 the date of claim submission by the provider to the date of claim payment by the managed 20 care organization.

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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Urges and requests the La. Department of Health to include certain data on timeliness of healthcare provider claim payments in the Healthy Louisiana Claims Report.