



1           WHEREAS, this statute is a recent addition to a series of laws that the legislature has  
2 passed since the advent of managed care to provide for greater transparency and improve  
3 public accountability in a program in which nearly thirty-two percent of Louisiana's  
4 population is enrolled, and that encompasses roughly twenty-five percent of the state's  
5 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

10           WHEREAS, timeliness of claims payments in Medicaid managed care is especially  
11 important in Louisiana as it can enhance provider retention in a Medicaid program that  
12 cannot afford to lose quality providers who furnish essential health services to the people of  
13 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.

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

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DIGEST

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