

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES: Creates and provides for the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To adopt Joint Rule No. 11 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives,  
3 to establish the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee to monitor, review, and make  
4 recommendations relative to all aspects of the state Medicaid program.

5 WHEREAS, because spending on the medical assistance program, which is operated  
6 pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act and known as the state Medicaid program,  
7 comprises approximately forty percent of the total budget of the state of Louisiana, cost  
8 containment in the state Medicaid program is an urgent priority of this state; and

9 WHEREAS, it is vital to prevent fraud and abuse committed by any healthcare  
10 provider or by any other person participating in the state Medicaid program, including  
11 Medicaid enrollees, and to negate the adverse effects of Medicaid fraud and abuse on the  
12 fiscal integrity and public health of this state as part of the state's cost containment efforts;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, approximately thirty-five percent of the state's citizens are Medicaid  
15 enrollees, therefore it is also vital to find effective and beneficial ways to assist people in  
16 living healthier and more productive lives and thereby reducing reliance on the Medicaid  
17 program as part of the state's cost containment efforts.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana finds it  
19 appropriate and necessary to create a special joint committee to monitor, review, and make

1 recommendations relative to all aspects of the state Medicaid program and to provide for the  
2 appropriate oversight and study of the state Medicaid program and its administration.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Legislature of Louisiana that Joint Rule No.  
4 11 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives is hereby adopted to read  
5 as follows:

6 Joint Rule No. 11. Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee; membership; powers,  
7 functions, duties

8 A.(1) The Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee is hereby created and shall  
9 consist of the following members of the House of Representatives and of the Senate:

10 (a) Six members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker  
11 of the House of Representatives in a manner to reflect the makeup of the membership  
12 of the House of Representatives, including party affiliation, race, sex, and geography,  
13 to the extent practicable. Three of the members appointed by the speaker shall be  
14 members of the House Committee on Appropriations, and three of the members  
15 appointed by the speaker shall be members of the House Committee on Health and  
16 Welfare.

17 (b) Six members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate in  
18 a manner to reflect the makeup of the membership of the Senate, including party  
19 affiliation, race, sex, and geography, to the extent practicable. Three of the members  
20 appointed by the president shall be members of the Senate Committee on Finance,  
21 and three of the members appointed by the president shall be members of the Senate  
22 Committee on Health and Welfare.

23 (2) The special joint committee shall select a chairman and a vice chairman  
24 from among its members. The position of chairman and vice chairman for the  
25 special joint committee shall rotate in even-numbered years on the second Monday  
26 in January between the members of the House of Representatives and the members  
27 of the Senate who serve on the committee.

28 (3) The staff of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate  
29 Committee on Health and Welfare, the House Committee on Appropriations, the

1 Senate Committee on Finance, the legislative fiscal office, and the legislative auditor  
2 shall provide staff support to the special joint committee.

3 B. The special joint committee shall monitor, review, and make  
4 recommendations relative to all aspects of the state Medicaid program on a  
5 continuing basis as provided in this Paragraph.

6 (1) The special joint committee shall:

7 (a) Review how the state Medicaid program relates to the public and private  
8 provision of healthcare coverage in this state and the other states.

9 (b) Recommend policies and strategies to encourage both of the following:

10 (i) Medicaid recipients' physical and mental ability to join and stay in the  
11 workforce and ultimately become self-sufficient.

12 (ii) Healthy living, resulting in less use of the state Medicaid program.

13 (c) Review the compliance of the Louisiana Department of Health with all  
14 applicable laws and regulations relative to the state Medicaid program.

15 (d) Recommend, to the extent the special joint committee deems appropriate,  
16 improvements in laws, rules, and regulations concerning the state Medicaid program.

17 (e) Develop a plan of action for the future of the state Medicaid program.

18 (2) The special joint committee may:

19 (a) Plan, advertise, organize, and conduct forums, conferences, and other  
20 meetings, in which representatives of state agencies and other individuals with  
21 expertise in the state Medicaid program may participate, to increase knowledge and  
22 understanding of and to develop and propose improvements to the state Medicaid  
23 program.

24 (b) Prepare and issue reports on the state Medicaid program.

25 C. The special joint committee may call upon the staffs of any department,  
26 agency, or official of the state, particularly those of the Louisiana Department of  
27 Health or its successor, for data and assistance, and all departments, agencies, and  
28 officials shall cooperate with the special joint committee. The special joint  
29 committee may request and utilize the assistance of any and all private sources.

1           D. The special joint committee shall have the power and authority of a  
 2           standing committee of either house to hold hearings, to require the production of  
 3           books and records, and to do all other things necessary to discharge its duties.

4           E. The special joint committee shall meet regularly to fulfill its functions and  
 5           duties and, no later than thirty days prior to each regular session, shall report all of  
 6           its activities and recommendations to the presiding officer of each house, the  
 7           governor, the House Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on  
 8           Health and Welfare, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee  
 9           on Finance, and the Louisiana Department of Health or its successor.

10           F. For the purposes of this Rule, the term "state Medicaid program" shall  
 11           mean the medical assistance program operated pursuant to Title XIX of the Social  
 12           Security Act.

13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the speaker of the House of Representatives and  
 14           the president of the Senate shall appoint the members of the special joint committee no later  
 15           than thirty days after adoption of this Concurrent Resolution.

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a member of the special joint committee  
 17           designated by the speaker of the House of Representatives shall call the first meeting of the  
 18           special joint committee no later than ten days after all of the members are appointed and  
 19           shall preside until the special joint committee selects a chairman and a vice chairman.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Establishes a special joint committee, the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee, to monitor, review, and make recommendations relative to all aspects of the state Medicaid program.

Proposed Joint Rule creates the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee to monitor, review, and make recommendations relative to all aspects of the state Medicaid program, and provides that the committee shall be composed of:

- (1) Six members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker to reflect the makeup of the membership of the House of Representatives, to the extent practicable. Three members shall be members of the House Committee on

Appropriations and three shall be members of the House Committee on Health and Welfare.

- (2) Six members of the Senate appointed by the president to reflect the makeup of the membership of the Senate, to the extent practicable. Three members shall be members of the Senate Committee on Finance and three members shall be members of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.

Proposed Joint Rule provides that the joint committee shall select a chairman and a vice chairman from among its members and provides that the position of chairman and vice chairman shall rotate in even-numbered years on the second Mon. in Jan. between the House and Senate members of the joint committee. Further provides that the joint committee shall receive staff support from the committee staff of the House health and welfare committee, the Senate health and welfare committee, the House appropriations committee, the Senate finance committee, the legislative fiscal office, and the legislative auditor.

Proposed Joint Rule requires the joint committee to:

- (1) Review how the Medicaid program relates to the public and private provision of healthcare coverage in this state and the U.S.
- (2) Recommend policies and strategies to encourage both of the following:
  - (a) Medicaid recipients being physically and mentally able to join and stay in the workforce and ultimately becoming self-sufficient.
  - (b) Healthy living, resulting in less use of the Medicaid program.
- (3) Review the compliance of the La. Dept. of Health with all applicable laws and regulations.
- (4) Recommend, to the extent the joint committee deems appropriate, improvements in laws, rules, and regulations concerning the Medicaid program.
- (5) Develop a plan of action for the future of the Medicaid program.

Proposed Joint Rule authorizes the joint committee to:

- (1) Plan, advertise, organize, and conduct forums, conferences, and other meetings to increase knowledge and understanding of and to develop and propose improvements in the Medicaid program.
- (2) Prepare and issue reports on the Medicaid program.

Proposed Joint Rule provides that the joint committee shall have the power and authority of a standing committee of either house to hold hearings, require the production of books and records, and do all other things necessary to discharge its duties. Requires the joint committee to conduct regular meetings to fulfill its functions and duties and, no later than 30 days prior to each regular session, to report all of its activities and recommendations to the presiding officer of each house, the governor, the House health and welfare committee, the Senate health and welfare committee, the House appropriations committee, the Senate finance committee, and the La. Dept. of Health or its successor. Provides that the joint committee may call upon the staffs of any department, agency, or official of the state, particularly the La. Dept. of Health, for data and assistance and may request and utilize the assistance of any and all private sources.

Proposed resolution requires the speaker of the House and the president of the Senate to appoint the members of the joint committee no later than 30 days after adoption of the proposed resolution and requires a member of the joint committee designated by the speaker to call the first meeting of the joint committee no later than 10 days after all of the members are appointed and to preside until the joint committee selects a chairman and a vice chairman.

(Adds Joint Rule No. 11)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Provide for the rotation of the position of chairman and vice chairman between the House and the Senate.