

1 WHEREAS, due to the measurable effects that expanding access to primary care has
2 in health outcome improvements and health system cost reductions, an expansion of access
3 to primary care in Louisiana is both responsible public health policy and sound fiscal policy;
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5 WHEREAS, enhancing healthcare provider reimbursement rates for primary care in
6 the Louisiana Medicaid program is a direct incentive for increasing the availability of this
7 much-needed care in our state.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study the costs and benefits of
10 setting Medicaid reimbursement rates for primary care services at levels that are at least
11 equal to Medicare rates for those services.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before December 31, 2020, the Louisiana
13 Department of Health shall report findings from the study called for in this Resolution to the
14 House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, the House
15 Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and the
16 David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
18 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

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Request the La. Department of Health to study the costs and benefits of setting Medicaid reimbursement rates for primary care services at levels that are at least equal to Medicare rates for those services and to report findings from the study to certain legislative committees on or before Dec. 31, 2020.