

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Louisiana Department of Health to seek independent consultant opinions and alternative options for the submission of the Managed Care Section 438.6(c) Preprint to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for Fiscal Year 2022 prior to finalization.

WHEREAS, to address concerns regarding state-directed payments used in state Medicaid programs, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) promulgated 42 CFR 438.6(c) to provide for permissible alternative approaches for payment delivery systems and provider payment initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Section 438.6(c) provides states with the flexibility to implement delivery systems and provider payment initiatives under Medicaid managed care contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health is required to submit the Managed Care Section 438.6(c) Preprint for approval by CMS each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid remains the largest single item in Louisiana's operating budget; and

WHEREAS, to be a good steward and manage the resources available to the Louisiana Medicaid program prudently and responsibly, the department should obtain input from all qualified persons who can provide a constructive analysis of and recommend beneficial changes to the Medicaid payment delivery systems and provider payment initiatives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the Louisiana Department of Health to seek independent consultant

opinions and alternative options for the submission of the Managed Care Section 438.6(c) Preprint to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for Fiscal Year 2022 prior to finalization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall submit a report containing the alternative options developed by the department pursuant to this Resolution to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on or before February 1, 2021.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES