



1           WHEREAS, the intent and purpose of these Medicaid rate increases was to provide  
2 much-needed funding on an equitable basis for providers throughout the disability services  
3 system of this state; and

4           WHEREAS, subsequent amendments to the general appropriation bill had the  
5 unintended consequences of reducing the total amount of funding for disability services  
6 provider rate increases and limiting the purposes for which the smaller amount of  
7 appropriated funding could be expended; and

8           WHEREAS, providers of services for people with disabilities are essential  
9 components of the state Medicaid program and the services that they deliver for individuals,  
10 families, and communities are invaluable; and

11           WHEREAS, equitable funding for all members of the diverse group of providers that  
12 make up this state's disability services system is necessary in order to keep disparities in  
13 resources from impacting the availability, consistency, and quality of services delivered  
14 system-wide.

15           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
16 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to make adjustments in the state  
17 Medicaid budget as specified hereafter in this Resolution for the purpose of allocating  
18 funding more equitably to providers throughout the disability services system.

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge  
20 and request the Louisiana Department of Health to increase Medicaid rates to fund,  
21 predominantly, wages and other costs of private providers of Children's Choice Waiver, New  
22 Opportunities Waiver, Supports Waiver, and Residential Options Waiver services utilizing  
23 the funding identified on page 96, lines 12 through 25 of the enrolled version of House Bill  
24 No. 1 of this 2021 Regular Session.

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if additional funding beyond what is  
26 appropriated to the Louisiana Department of Health for state Fiscal Year 2021-2022 is  
27 realized and made available to the department, then the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
28 urge and request the department to utilize that funding to increase Medicaid rates to fund,  
29 predominantly, wages and other costs of private providers of home- and community-based  
30 services delivered through programs of the department's office of aging and adult services.

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

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DIGEST

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Urges and requests the La. Department of Health to make adjustments in the state Medicaid budget for the purpose of allocating funding more equitably to providers throughout the disability services system by doing the following:

- (1) Increasing Medicaid rates to fund, predominantly, wages and other costs of private providers of Children's Choice Waiver, New Opportunities Waiver, Supports Waiver, and Residential Options Waiver services utilizing the funding identified on page 96, lines 12 through 25 of the enrolled version of HB No. 1 of this 2021 R.S.
- (2) If additional funding beyond what is appropriated to the department for state fiscal year 2021-2022 is realized and made available, utilizing that funding to increase Medicaid rates to fund, predominantly, wages and other costs of private providers of home- and community-based services delivered through programs of the office of aging and adult services.