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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 196

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

MEDICAID: Urges and requests the La. Department of Health to study Medicaid rates for nonemergency medical transportation services and potential means of financing of those services

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study Medicaid rates for
3 nonemergency medical transportation services and potential means of financing of
4 those services and to report findings of the study to the House Committee on
5 Appropriations and the House Committee on Health and Welfare.

6 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health administers the Medicaid program
7 of this state; and

8 WHEREAS, nonemergency, non-ambulance medical transportation (NEMT) services
9 are a critical part of the Medicaid program of this state and are required by federal Medicaid
10 policy; and

11 WHEREAS, NEMT providers facilitate access by Medicaid enrollees to vital
12 healthcare services; and

13 WHEREAS, NEMT providers are experiencing increasing business costs due to a
14 steep escalation in the cost of the vehicle insurance that they are required by the state
15 Medicaid program to carry; and

16 WHEREAS, reforms and innovations in the NEMT program are necessary in order
17 to better serve Medicaid enrollees and to improve the program overall; and

18 WHEREAS, increasing the rates paid to NEMT providers could strengthen the
19 NEMT network and enhance access to care for the Medicaid enrollees of this state.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health
3 to study Medicaid rates for nonemergency medical transportation services and potential
4 means of financing of those services.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall report
6 findings of the study called for in this Resolution to the House Committee on Appropriations
7 and the House Committee on Health and Welfare on or before October 1, 2021.

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

DIGEST

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