

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 211

BY SENATOR BARROW

MEDICAID. Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to study Medicaid rates for nonemergency medical transportation services and potential means for financing those services.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study the Medicaid rates for
3 nonemergency medical transportation services and potential means for financing
4 those services and to report the findings of the study to the Senate Committee on
5 Finance and the Senate 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 for Medicaid enrollees to vital health
12 care 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

1 NEMT network and enhance access to care for the Medicaid enrollees of this state.

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

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall report
7 the findings of the study called for in this Resolution to the Senate Committee on Finance
8 and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare not later than October 1, 2021.

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Brandi Cannon.

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