

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 196

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall report findings of the study called for in this Resolution to the House Committee on Appropriations and the House Committee on Health and Welfare on or before October 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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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES