

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 211

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study the Medicaid rates for nonemergency medical transportation services and potential means for financing those services and to report the findings of the study to the Senate Committee on Finance and the Senate 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 for Medicaid enrollees to vital health care 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 Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study the Medicaid rates for nonemergency medical transportation services and potential means for financing those services.

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

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE