

1 WHEREAS, state licensing regulations for disability services providers, including
2 ICFs and NOW Waiver and ROW Waiver service providers, require that these providers
3 employ, contract with, or assure access to all necessary professional staff to meet the needs
4 of each service recipient as identified and addressed in the recipient's individualized service
5 plan; and

6 WHEREAS, such professional staff may include, without limitation, licensed
7 practical nurses, registered nurses, and other health professionals; and

8 WHEREAS, the current reimbursement rates for nursing services for ICF residents
9 and in the NOW Waiver and ROW Waiver programs do not cover the full cost of providing
10 these required services.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to determine, through provider surveys
13 and any other appropriate methods, the actual costs of providing nursing services in the
14 NOW Waiver and ROW Waiver programs and to residents of intermediate care facilities for
15 persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall study all potential means
17 for increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates for nursing services paid to providers in the
18 NOW Waiver and ROW Waiver programs and to intermediate care facilities for persons
19 with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall submit its findings from
21 the efforts called for in this Resolution in the form of a report to the House Committee on
22 Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Health and
23 Welfare, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, the Joint Medicaid Oversight
24 Committee, and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library no later than sixty days
25 prior to the convening of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the La. Department of Health (LDH) to determine the actual costs of providing nursing services in the NOW Waiver program, the ROW Waiver program, and to residents of intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Requests that LDH study potential means for increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates for nursing services paid to providers in those programs and facilities.

Requires LDH to submit its findings in the form of a report to the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, the legislative committees on health and welfare, and the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee no later than 60 days prior to the convening of the 2023 R.S.