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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 99

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

MEDICAID MANAGED CARE: Requests the La. Department of Health to fully utilize the NASPO ValuePoint process to procure Medicaid managed care information systems and services

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to fully utilize the National
3 Association of State Procurement Officials' ValuePoint process to procure Medicaid
4 managed care information systems and services.

5 WHEREAS, ValuePoint is the cooperative contracting arm of the National
6 Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO), a nonprofit organization formed in
7 1947 and comprised of the chief procurement officials of all fifty states, Washington, D.C.,
8 and the United States territories which supports best practices in public procurement
9 throughout the country; and

10 WHEREAS, the federal government works with NASPO to help remedy recurring
11 issues in state procurement especially related to complex services needed to deliver federally
12 funded programs; and

13 WHEREAS, for these purposes, the federal government and NASPO have created
14 the NASPO ValuePoint procurement process whereby the federal government vets and
15 pre-approves high-quality vendors and authorizes states to expeditiously secure high-quality
16 contractors for certain programs; and

17 WHEREAS, the NASPO ValuePoint process enables states to leverage the spending
18 power of numerous participating states through a single solicitation with value-added
19 benefits and superior contract terms; and

1 WHEREAS, NASPO ValuePoint and its associated contractors focus on price,
2 quality, reliability, warranties, and service while protecting states' interests with favorable
3 terms and conditions; and

4 WHEREAS, states benefit from the lower administrative costs of processing
5 solicitations by leveraging the expertise of procurement and subject matter experts across
6 state boundaries; and

7 WHEREAS, this division of labor allows states to share their resources, efficiently
8 meet the needs of their end users, and better serve the public; and

9 WHEREAS, states that utilize the NASPO ValuePoint procurement process have the
10 opportunity to select one or more vetted companies to compete for contracted work; and

11 WHEREAS, the NASPO ValuePoint procurement process allows states to receive
12 services from a federally vetted vendor with specific subject matter experience and expertise,
13 significantly protecting those states against the possibility of federal penalties associated
14 with vendors that do not adequately perform; and

15 WHEREAS, in prior years, the United States Department of Health and Human
16 Services has penalized the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) for not meeting federal
17 standards relating to Medicaid management information system (MMIS) components; and

18 WHEREAS, like agencies of other states, LDH has the full capability and authority
19 to utilize the NASPO ValuePoint procurement process to avoid potential penalties and
20 secure proven providers for certain components of its MMIS; and

21 WHEREAS, LDH utilizing the NASPO ValuePoint procurement process would
22 enhance the department's ability to address many findings of the Louisiana Legislative
23 Auditor's performance audits relative to this state's MMIS; and

24 WHEREAS, the NASPO ValuePoint procurement process can facilitate a better
25 experience for both providers in and beneficiaries of this state's Medicaid program; and

26 WHEREAS, this procurement process would not limit LDH's authority to make
27 stipulations to NASPO ValuePoint providers relating to the opening of offices in Louisiana
28 and the hiring of Louisiana residents to reflect the demographics of this state; and

29 WHEREAS, to assist states with administering complex federal programs, the
30 NASPO ValuePoint evaluation, scoring, and award process is purposely completed in an

1 open, fully transparent, competitive bid and solicitation environment to ensure compliance
2 with as many procurement processes and policies of U.S. states as possible.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
4 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to fully utilize the National Association
5 of State Procurement Officials' ValuePoint process to procure Medicaid managed care
6 information systems and services.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
8 commissioner of administration, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, and
9 the executive director of the Louisiana Managed Medicaid Association.

DIGEST

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