

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**HCR 88**

**2022 Regular Session**

**Echols**

June 3, 2022

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Concurrent Resolution No. 88 by Representative Echols, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That Senate Committee Amendments Nos. 1 through 4 by the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare (#3916) be adopted.
2. That Senate Committee Amendment No. 5 by the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare (#3916) be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senator Bob Hensgens

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST**

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**Keyword and onliner of the instrument as it left the House**

MEDICAID: Urges and requests the La. Department of Health to utilize increased collections from pharmacy rebates to increase rates for primary care providers in the Medicaid program

**Report adopts Senate amendments to:**

1. Include pharmacists as providers whose reimbursement rates the La. Dept. of Health is urged to increase using pharmacy rebate proceeds.
2. Add findings about the duties, partnership involvement, and fund allocation of pharmacists.

**Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:**

1. Specified that base reimbursement rates provided to primary care and pediatric office visit evaluation and management codes may be increased if funds remain available to do so.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Requests the La. Dept. of Health to utilize increased pharmacy rebate collections within the Medicaid program in Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to reimburse pharmacists to acquire prescription drugs and then to increase primary care provider, pharmacist, and pediatric office visit reimbursement rates to levels as provided by Medicare.