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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 122

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MEDICAID: Memorializes the United States Congress to adopt strategies for improving access to dental care for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To memorialize the United States Congress to adopt strategies for improving access to
3	dental care for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
4	WHEREAS, our country is failing to adequately care for the oral health needs of the
5	nearly nine and a half million people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the
6	United States who rely upon Medicaid and its limited network of oral healthcare providers
7	for their oral health needs; and
8	WHEREAS, poor oral health contributes to the decay of physical health and is linked
9	to respiratory, cardiovascular, and endocrine diseases; and
10	WHEREAS, significant health disparities exist between those with intellectual and
11	developmental disabilities compared with nondisabled persons which can be greatly
12	attributed to poor oral health; and
13	WHEREAS, adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities experience
14	significant issues accessing quality, affordable, and timely oral healthcare services with
15	community-based support services; and
16	WHEREAS, adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities remain the largest
17	minority population with unmet oral healthcare needs despite efforts by federal, state, and
18	local governments, legislatures, and advocates; and
19	WHEREAS, adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities have complex
20	healthcare conditions that require unique and tailored oral healthcare services; and

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1 WHEREAS, when oral healthcare services are not fully available, complications 2 surface and give rise to emergent, preventable, and costly care. 3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 4 memorialize the United States Congress to incorporate dental care management into 5 contractual agreements with Medicaid managed care health plans for adults with intellectual 6 and developmental disabilities. 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana urges and requests 8 the United States Congress to establish a Medicaid managed dental care carve-out for adults 9 with intellectual and developmental disabilities. 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 11 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the 12 United States, and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States 13 Congress.

## **DIGEST**

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