

1 WHEREAS, certain healthcare services may be completed only by a nurse, such as
2 initial participant assessments, training for new or changed medication tasks, review of
3 medical forms and charts, and performing complex tasks that cannot be delegated to direct
4 support workers; and

5 WHEREAS, nurses deliver mandatory training and support to direct support
6 professionals who provide the majority of the recipients' health care; and

7 WHEREAS, the current reimbursement rates for nursing services are participants in
8 the NOW, ROW, and Supports Medicaid waiver programs are nonexistent or inadequate to
9 provide needed coverage to participants with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

10 WHEREAS, NOW, ROW, and Supports waiver programs provide limited or no
11 reimbursement to healthcare providers for nursing services, and healthcare providers are
12 struggling to employ a nurse, leaving them unable to provide certain services.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to develop a professional consulting
15 nursing service code in the New Opportunities Waiver, Residential Options Waiver, and
16 Supports Waiver programs.

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

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Louisiana Department of Health to develop a professional consulting nursing service code for reimbursement of certain services for individuals with developmental disabilities.