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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 189

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

MEDICAID: Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to authorize certain nonemergency medical transportation providers to furnish services outside of their designated regions in particular circumstances

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to allow nonemergency medical  
3 transportation providers to serve Medicaid enrollees outside of their designated  
4 regions if and when the enrollees need specialized nonemergency medical  
5 transportation services.

6 WHEREAS, nonemergency, nonambulance medical transportation (NEMT) is a  
7 critical part of the Medicaid program and the provision of Medicaid services in this state;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, NEMT services have contributed greatly to the overall health of  
10 Medicaid enrollees as they have allowed such persons access to primary care providers,  
11 pharmacy services, and other forms of healthcare services; and

12 WHEREAS, currently, there is concern for Medicaid enrollees with specialized  
13 medical needs who live outside of the nonemergency medical transportation service regions;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, such persons are unable to access the treatments they need; and

16 WHEREAS, for enrollees, NEMT provider services are not readily available through  
17 a provider in every enrollee's region; and

18 WHEREAS, by allowing Medicaid enrollees with specialized medical needs access  
19 to NEMT services, even when they are out of region, the Louisiana Department of Health  
20 can address this concern; and

1 WHEREAS, the allowance of out-of-region NEMT provider services could benefit  
2 Medicaid enrollees with specialty medical needs and improve the overall efficacy of the  
3 NEMT program and the healthcare system statewide; and

4 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health, Medicaid managed care  
5 organizations, and the respective patient health plans shall determine which providers are  
6 the best candidates to accommodate those enrollees who are in need of out-of-region NEMT  
7 provider services.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health  
10 to allow nonemergency medical transportation providers to serve Medicaid enrollees outside  
11 of their designated regions if and when the enrollees with specialized medical needs are in  
12 need of access to NEMT provider services.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health, Medicaid  
14 managed care organizations, and the respective patient health plans shall be tasked with  
15 authorizing providers to serve out-of-region enrollees to remedy some of the issues where  
16 such special conditions exist.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that authorized NEMT service providers should be  
18 determined based on patient acuity and equipment availability.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health is hereby  
20 authorized to promulgate administrative rules as necessary to implement the provisions of  
21 this Resolution.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
23 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the director of the Louisiana Managed  
24 Medicaid Association.

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#### DIGEST

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