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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 256

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

MEDICAID MANAGED CARE: Requests the La. Dept. of Health modify regulations related to the nonemergency, non-ambulance medical transportation component of the Medicaid managed care program

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to implement certain reforms in the
3 nonemergency, non-ambulance medical transportation component of the Medicaid
4 managed care program of this state.

5 WHEREAS, nonemergency, non-ambulance medical transportation (NEMT) is a
6 vital part of the Medicaid program of this state; and

7 WHEREAS, through NEMT, Medicaid enrollees access primary care providers,
8 pharmacy services, and other forms of health services that help them to maintain and
9 improve their health; and

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

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

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

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

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

4 WHEREAS, reforms in the way that NEMT services are delivered through the
5 Medicaid managed care program of this state are necessary in order to better serve Medicaid
6 enrollees and to improve the program overall.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in order to maximize access to care for
8 Medicaid enrollees, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does
9 hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health, through its contracts with
10 Medicaid managed care organizations, to authorize nonemergency, non-ambulance medical
11 transportation providers to provide services to Medicaid enrollees throughout the state
12 regardless of where an enrollee lives.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall submit
14 a report that includes a vetted, updated list of active nonemergency, non-ambulance medical
15 transportation providers in this state.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the surgeon general of this state, and the
18 executive director of the Louisiana Medicaid Managed Care Organization Association.

DIGEST

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