

Proposed law would have required that beginning January 1, 2013, and annually thereafter, the DHH shall submit an annual report concerning the Louisiana Medicaid Coordinated Care Network program to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare which shall include certain information as provided for in proposed law.

Proposed law would have required DHH to submit all quarterly reports submitted by the coordinated care networks to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, House Committee on Health and Welfare, Senate Committee on Finance, and the House Committee on Appropriations.

Proposed law would have provided that all authority for that portion of the Louisiana Medical Assistance Program which is administered by a coordinated care program, or meets the definition of managed care pursuant to federal law or regulation, excluding those portions which provide for behavioral health services, shall terminate on December 31, 2014. After that date, the department shall administer the services encompassed by the portion terminated herein according to rules and regulations promulgated prior to the establishment of the coordinated care program within the Louisiana Medical Assistance Program.

Would have become effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Proposed to add R.S. 40:1300.21 - 1300.23)

**VETO MESSAGE:** "Senate Bill No. 207 by Senator Mount terminates Louisiana's Medicaid reform initiative, Coordinated Care Networks, as well as the Community Care Program on December 31, 2014. Coordinated Care Networks will provide a medical home for 800,000 Louisiana Medicaid recipients, providing better access to primary and preventative care, improved health outcomes, with an anticipated savings of \$24 million in the upcoming fiscal year and \$135.9 million in state fiscal year 2013.

Inserting a termination date for this important reform and preventing Louisiana from improving the performance and outcomes in our current Medicaid system sends the wrong message, that we are incapable of providing better care to our people, and we can do no better than our ranking of 49th in the nation for health outcomes. I am not content with the outcomes of our current Medicaid program and am committed to reforming our Louisiana health care system.

For this reason, I have vetoed Senate Bill No. 207 and hereby return it to the Senate."