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## **ORIGINAL**

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 87

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER

HEALTH/HOSPITALS DEPT. Directs the Department of Health and Hospitals to submit a Section 1115 demonstration waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that replaces upper payment limit funding and creates funding pools to replace upper payment limit payments.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To authorize and direct the Department of Health and Hospitals to submit a Section 1115
3	Medicaid demonstration waiver to the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services
4	that replaces upper payment limit funding and creates funding pools to replace upper
5	payment limit payments.
6	WHEREAS, a five year Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration waiver may be
7	designed to build on Louisiana health care reforms and to redesign health care delivery in
8	Louisiana; and
9	WHEREAS, such a waiver would enable Louisiana to establish goals to improve the
10	experience of care and the health of populations in need of health care in the state, while
11	reducing the cost of health care without compromising quality; and
12	WHEREAS, the waiver could replace the upper payment programs, provide incentive
13	payments for health care improvements, and direct more funding to hospitals that serve large
14	numbers of uninsured patients; and
15	WHEREAS, the waiver could create funding pools to replace upper payment limits;
16	and
17	WHEREAS, the pool payments could be designed to help offset the costs of
18	uncompensated care provided by a hospital or other Medicaid providers; and

1	WHEREAS, the pool payments could serve as incentive payments to hospitals and
2	other Medicaid providers that develop programs or strategies to enhance access to health
3	care, the quality of care, and the health of the patients and families served.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 5 authorize and direct the Department of Health and Hospitals to submit a Section 1115 6 Medicaid demonstration waiver to the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services that 7 replaces upper payment limit funding and creates funding pools to replace upper payment 8 limit payments.

- 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 10 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

## DIGEST

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