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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 113

BY REPRESENTATIVE TALBOT

MEDICAID: Requests a study of the most effective means by which to implement federally authorized cost sharing measures in the La. Medicaid program

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To authorize and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to study the most effective
3	means by which to implement federally authorized medical assistance cost sharing
4	measures in the Medicaid program of this state and to report its findings to the
5	legislative committees on health and welfare.
6	WHEREAS, Medicaid constitutes the largest single programmatic item in the budget
7	of this state; and
8	WHEREAS, the system of funding for the Medicaid program as currently structured
9	is unsustainable, and cost containment in this major assistance program is an urgent priority;
10	and
11	WHEREAS, in preliminary rules published in January 2013, the Centers for
12	Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States Department of Health and Human
13	Services proposed "to update and simplify the complex Medicaid premiums and cost sharing
14	requirements to promote the most effective use of services and to assist states in identifying
15	cost sharing flexibilities" (78 Fed. Reg. 4595 (January 22, 2013)); and
16	WHEREAS, the rule defines "cost sharing" as "any copayment, coinsurance,
17	deductible, or other similar charge"; and
18	WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana finds that cost containment measures in the
19	Medicaid program are essential means for enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of
20	health care delivered to the population served by the program.

1	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2	authorize and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to study the most effective
3	means by which to implement federally authorized medical assistance cost sharing measures
4	in the Medicaid program of this state.
5	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in conducting the study, the department may
6	engage, collaborate with, and obtain information and perspective from providers,
7	stakeholders, and other groups with an interest or expertise in Medicaid financing and cost
8	containment.
9	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall consider and make
10	recommendations concerning policies which allow a provider to impose cost sharing as a
11	condition for delivering treatment.
12	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall consider and make
13	recommendations concerning minimization of the administrative and financial impact of cost
14	sharing requirements on the department and on health care providers.
15	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall consider and make
16	recommendations concerning cost sharing policies which promote better health outcomes
17	by encouraging utilization of preventive and cost-effective services while discouraging
18	utilization of uncessary high-cost services.
19	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall provide the findings of this
20	study in the form of a written report to the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the
21	Senate Committee on Health and Welfare by February 1, 2014, or within six months of the
22	date that the final federal rule pursuant to the January 2013, preliminary rule is published,
23	whichever is later.
24	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
25	secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

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DIGEST

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Authorizes and requests DHH to study the most effective means by which to implement federally authorized medical assistance cost sharing measures in the state's Medicaid program and report its finding to the legislative committees on health and welfare.