



1           WHEREAS, the lack of transparency in the development of the Bayou Health plans'  
2 drug formularies is of particular concern to Medicaid enrollees who live with HIV/AIDS or  
3 hepatitis C, or are coinfectd with these diseases; and

4           WHEREAS, due to the pronounced fiscal and public health benefits of effective  
5 disease management and preventive care for medically needy persons living with HIV/AIDS  
6 or hepatitis C, or who are coinfectd, it is in the best interest of this state to remove  
7 unnecessary impediments to such care; and

8           WHEREAS, open access to necessary prescription medications is a critical  
9 component of disease management and preventive care for all persons living with HIV/AIDS  
10 or hepatitis C, or who are coinfectd.

11           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Health and  
13 Hospitals to study the most effective means by which to ensure open access to HIV/AIDS  
14 and hepatitis C medications by enrollees in the Medicaid managed care program known as  
15 "Bayou Health".

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall provide the findings of this  
17 study in the form of a report to the House Committee on Health and Welfare on or before  
18 December 31, 2013.

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

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#### DIGEST

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Requests DHH to study the most effective means by which to ensure open access to HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C medications by persons enrolled in the Medicaid managed care program known as "Bayou Health" and to report its findings to the House Committee on Health and Welfare on or before Dec. 31, 2013.