



1 or hepatitis C, or who are coinfectd, it is in the best interest of this state to remove  
2 unnecessary impediments to such care; and

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES