

1 WHEREAS, many health conditions of Medicaid enrollees can be managed if
2 appropriate care is made available; and

3 WHEREAS, this care can be cost-effective and result in significant cost savings that
4 outweigh added transportation costs; and

5 WHEREAS, great opportunity exists to achieve net societal benefits and to improve
6 the quality of life of Medicaid enrollees by increasing access to nonemergency medical
7 transportation; and

8 WHEREAS, improving access to health care for those with transportation needs can
9 reduce health care costs; and

10 WHEREAS, federal regulations require state Medicaid programs to ensure that
11 recipients have necessary medical transportation to and from covered Medicaid services.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Health and
14 Hospitals to study means for improving access to and reliability of nonemergency medical
15 transportation for Medicaid enrollees.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall provide the findings of this
17 study in the form of a written report to the House Committee on Health and Welfare prior
18 to the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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

DIGEST

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