

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

MEDICAID: Increases monthly premiums charged to families receiving services through the LaCHIP Phase V program

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To amend the Department of Health and Hospitals rule (LAC 50:III.20507(B)) which
3 provides relative to cost sharing functions of the LaCHIP Phase V program, and to
4 direct the office of the state register to print the amendments in the Louisiana
5 Administrative Code.

6 WHEREAS, from state fiscal year 2007-2008 to state fiscal year 2015-2016, the total
7 annual operating budget of this state decreased by eleven and nine-tenths percent, while total
8 expenditures on the state's Medicaid program increased by forty and nine-tenths percent and
9 state general fund expenditures on the program increased by ninety-four and seven-tenths
10 percent; and

11 WHEREAS, at over eight billion three hundred eighty million dollars, Medicaid
12 comprises thirty-four and two-tenths percent of Louisiana's total operating budget in the
13 present state fiscal year, representing a significant increase in Medicaid spending since state
14 fiscal year 2007-2008 when the program comprised twenty-one and five-tenths percent of
15 the state's operating budget; and

16 WHEREAS, cost containment in the Medicaid program is an urgent priority of this
17 state; and

18 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program known as "LaCHIP"
19 provides health coverage to uninsured children of low- to moderate-income families up to
20 age nineteen; and

1 WHEREAS, federal regulations allow, and the LaCHIP program implements, cost
2 sharing measures whereby families with comparatively higher incomes are required to
3 contribute to the cost of services they receive; and

4 WHEREAS, balancing the state's share of costs to provide LaCHIP services with the
5 ability of families to pay for such services is a prudent fiscal and public health policy.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of Louisiana that in
7 consideration of the foregoing and the provisions of R.S. 49:969, which provide that the
8 legislature, by concurrent resolution, may suspend, amend, or repeal any rule adopted by a
9 state department, agency, board, or commission, LAC 50:III.20507(B) is hereby amended
10 to read as follows:

11 Chapter 205. Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program (LaCHIP) Phase V

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13 §20507. Cost Sharing

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15 B. The following cost-sharing criteria shall apply.

16 1. Premiums. When family income is between 201 percent and 250 percent
17 of the federal poverty level, families shall be responsible for paying a ~~\$50~~ \$65 per
18 month premium.

19 a. Premiums are due by the first of each month. If payment is not received
20 by the tenth of the month, the responsible party shall be notified that coverage may
21 be terminated if payment is not received by the twenty-first of the month.

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24 office of the state register and to the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of the state register is hereby directed
26 to have the amendments to LAC 50:III.20507(B) printed and incorporated into the Louisiana
27 Administrative Code.

DIGEST

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Present rule establishes phase five of the Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program (LaCHIP) as a stand-alone program under the provisions of Title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide coverage to uninsured children with family income from 200% to 250% of the federal poverty level.

Present rule provides that when family income is between 201% and 250% of the federal poverty level, families receiving services through the LaCHIP phase five program are responsible for paying a \$50 per month premium.

Proposed rule amends present rule to increase the monthly premium amount for which such families are responsible for paying from \$50 to \$65.

(Amends LAC 50:III.20507(B))