

1 consistent definition among the United States Food and Drug Administration, employers,
2 health plans, pharmacy benefit managers, other health care stakeholders, or even in
3 Louisiana law defining "specialty drug"; and

4 WHEREAS, use of the term "specialty pharmacy" has also increased in recent years
5 without the benefit of a clear and concise definition; and

6 WHEREAS, in general, a "specialty pharmacy" may be considered a pharmacy that
7 has been created to manage the handling and service requirements of specialty
8 pharmaceuticals (drugs), including dispensing, distribution, reimbursement, case
9 management, and other services specific to patients with rare or chronic diseases; and

10 WHEREAS, the uncertainty, inconsistent, and unregulated use of the terms
11 "specialty drug" and "specialty pharmacy" in Louisiana can create obstacles that prevent
12 patient access to much needed medications.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14 urge and request the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to study and make recommendations
15 regarding the use of the terms "specialty drug" and "specialty pharmacy" and whether
16 revisions to present laws, rules or regulations of the state are necessary to ensure that the
17 terms are consistently used in Louisiana in such a way as to not inhibit patient access.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy submit a
19 written report of its findings, together with any recommendations in the form of proposed
20 legislation, to the Legislature of Louisiana no later than February 1, 2017.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
22 Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

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use of the terms "specialty drug" and "specialty pharmacy".