

1 Regional Medical Center; and

2 WHEREAS, pursuant to such cooperative endeavor agreement, much of the care
3 formerly provided by Earl K. Long Medical Center was transferred to the campus of Our
4 Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center and away from the campus of Earl K. Long
5 Medical Center; and

6 WHEREAS, despite the best efforts of Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical
7 Center, a significant number of the patients formerly served by Earl K. Long Medical
8 Center, many of whom are uninsured, have chosen to seek their health care not at Our Lady
9 of the Lake Regional Medical Center but through the emergency departments of hospitals
10 closer to the former Earl K. Long Medical Center campus; and

11 WHEREAS, the care provided to those patients formerly served by Earl K. Long
12 Medical Center is causing a severe financial strain on those hospitals nearest to the former
13 campus of Earl K. Long Medical Center that the department's rule does not address, and
14 current Medicaid funding to those hospitals is inadequate to protect those hospitals from the
15 consequences of that significant increase in such care.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to modify its reimbursement
18 methodology for hospitals, subject to the approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
19 Services, to provide enhanced reimbursement for indigent patients presenting for outpatient
20 treatment or requiring inpatient admission and not able to be transferred, for community
21 owned hospitals or hospital service districts that are within fifteen miles of the former
22 campus of Earl K. Long Medical Center and that have an increase in indigent emergency
23 room visits greater than ten percent from the date of the announcement of the closure of Earl
24 K. Long Medical Center compared to the first full three month period after closure.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana has determined that
26 Baton Rouge General Medical Center and Hospital Service District No. 1 of East Baton
27 Rouge Parish, Louisiana, doing business as Lane Regional Medical Center, meet the
28 foregoing criteria.

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

DIGEST

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SCR No. 101

Requests the Department of Health and Hospitals protect certain hospitals from the negative financial consequences of the closure of Earl K. Long Medical Center by adequately compensating those hospitals for their increased burden of providing health care to the poor and uninsured residents of the greater Baton Rouge region.