

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 260

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study and make recommendations relative to a behavioral health Medicaid managed care carve-out.

WHEREAS, behavioral healthcare services in the Louisiana Medicaid program have been in a constant state of administrative flux for the past ten years; first being fee-for-service, then being in a single managed care organization, and then being carved-in to five separate managed care organizations; and

WHEREAS, this has proven to be a logistical challenge for the many behavioral healthcare providers who provide mental health and addictive disorder services to tens of thousands of Louisiana Medicaid recipients; and

WHEREAS, it is believed by many that the most effective and efficient way to better administer Medicaid behavioral health services would be to carve the services back out of the five separate managed care organizations and return to a single managed care contractor or restore to fee-for-service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the Louisiana Department of Health to study and make recommendations relative to a behavioral health Medicaid managed care carve-out.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall convene a working group of stakeholders to determine the most appropriate administrative management for Medicaid behavioral health services, including whether behavioral health should be carved-out of managed care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health shall convene the working group on or before September 1, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall be composed of the following members:

(1) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee, who shall serve as the chairman of the working group.

(2) The assistant secretary of the office of behavioral health, within the Louisiana Department of Health, or his designee.

(3) The Louisiana Medicaid director, or his designee.

(4) One member representing the office of the governor, designated by the governor.

(5) The executive director of the Louisiana Medicaid MCO Association, or his designee.

(6) The president of the Louisiana Association of Behavioral Health Providers, or his designee.

(7) The president of the Louisiana Medical Society, or his designee.

(8) The president of the Louisiana Hospital Association, or his designee.

(9) Up to twelve members who are practicing behavioral health service providers selected by the president of the Louisiana Association of Behavioral Health Providers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall meet as often as considered necessary to fulfill its charge and shall serve without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be individually entitled to as members of their respective organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group submit its findings and recommendations to the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana on or before March 1, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the assistant secretary of the office of behavioral health within the Louisiana Department of Health, the Louisiana Medicaid director, the governor, the executive director of the Louisiana Medicaid MCO Association, the president of the Louisiana Association of Behavioral Health Providers, the president of the Louisiana Medical Society, and the president of the Louisiana Hospital Association.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE