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DIGEST

Proposed law provides that the legislature finds that the non-emergent utilization rate of emergency departments in the state of Louisiana is at an all time high. The legislature further finds that one of the causes for such a high utilization rate is the lack of information by the citizens of this state about alternative facilities to receive health care which are available in their communities such as outpatient clinics and after-hours programs.

Proposed law provides that the secretary of DHH shall promulgate and distribute information which will provide citizens of this state with information concerning the various health care facilities and providers available to provide non-emergent care.

Proposed law provides that the information shall be community specific and distributed in each community in such a manner that the information will be available to the largest number of citizens.

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