

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 94

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to submit a report on the implementation of Act 582 of the 2018 Regular Session relative to specialized behavioral health rehabilitation services in the Louisiana Medicaid program.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to submit a report on the
3 implementation of Act No. 582 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature
4 relative to specialized behavioral health rehabilitation services in the Louisiana
5 Medicaid program.

6 WHEREAS, on May 31, 2018, Senate Bill 564 was signed into law as Act No. 582
7 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature; and

8 WHEREAS, Act No. 582 was necessary to curtail unfettered growth and program
9 misuse in the Medicaid funded mental health rehabilitation program; and

10 WHEREAS, Act No. 582 provided a regulatory framework for providers of
11 community psychiatric support and treatment services (CPST) and psychosocial
12 rehabilitation services (PSR), including requirements for licensure, accreditation, holding
13 a National Provider Identification Number, and credentialing standards that must be met to
14 be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement; and

15 WHEREAS, Act No. 582 further provided for certain education requirements for any
16 employee of a CPST or PSR licensed agency, specifically that any employee rendering
17 CPST or PSR services on behalf of a licensed agency shall hold a minimum of a bachelor's
18 degree from an accredited university or college in the field of counseling, social work,

1 psychology, or sociology; and

2 WHEREAS, Act No. 582 further provided for a facility need review program for
3 behavioral health services providers that provide CPST or PSR services preventing the
4 department from issuing facility need review approval for a license to provide CPST or PSR
5 services to any applicant unless the department determines that the evidence and data
6 submitted by the applicant establishes the probability of serious, adverse consequences to
7 recipients' ability to access services if the provider is not allowed to seek licensure; and

8 WHEREAS, Act No. 582 further provided that each behavioral health services
9 provider that provides CPST or PSR services shall employ at least one full-time physician
10 or full-time licensed mental health professional to serve as a full-time mental health
11 supervisor to assist in the design and evaluation of treatment plans for CPST or PSR
12 services; and

13 WHEREAS, these sweeping changes have been in effect for one year and it is
14 imperative that the department inform the legislature of the status of implementation, the
15 outcomes as a result of implementation, and any recommendations for future changes to the
16 CPST or PSR regulatory scheme established in the law.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
18 does hereby request the Louisiana Department of Health to submit a report on the
19 implementation of Act No. 582 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature relative to
20 specialized behavioral health rehabilitation services in the Louisiana Medicaid program.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall include, at a minimum, the
22 following:

23 (1) The number of CPST providers and PSR providers properly licensed and eligible
24 to receive Medicaid reimbursement in Louisiana and whether the current number meets
25 patient needs.

26 (2) The number of CPST providers and PSR providers that did not meet the
27 requirements for licensure, accreditation, holding a National Provider Identification Number,
28 or credentialing standards and have therefore been ineligible for Medicaid reimbursement.

29 (3) The number of CPST providers and PSR providers that have experienced
30 difficulty in securing employees that hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an

