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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 211

## BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to implement a policy prohibiting excessive Medicaid reauthorizations for patients using life-sustaining devices.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to implement a policy prohibiting
3	Medicaid managed care organizations from requiring an excessive amount of
4	reauthorizations for patients utilizing life-sustaining devices.
5	WHEREAS, "life-sustaining device" is defined by the Centers for Medicare and
6	Medicaid Services as a device that is essential to, or that yields information that is essential
7	to, the restoration or continuation of a bodily function important to the continuation of
8	human life; and
9	WHEREAS, patients prescribed life-sustaining devices are burdened with a number
10	of outside factors that inhibit a patient's access to care, such as travel barriers, geographic
11	disparities, clinician shortages, and appointment availability; and
12	WHEREAS, an increased frequency of required reauthorizations when a patient's
13	life-sustaining medical needs have not changed places an undue burden on prescribing
14	physicians and patients.
15	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
16	does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to implement a policy
17	prohibiting Medicaid managed care organizations from requiring an excessive amount of
18	reauthorizations for patients utilizing life-sustaining devices.

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1	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the policy should require each Medicaid
2	managed care organization to provide a minimum effective period of one year for a
3	reauthorization to prevent patients using life-saving devices from having any disruption in
4	care or services as well as to prevent overburdening prescribing physicians.
5	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
6	secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Brandi Cannon.

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