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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY SENATOR CARTER

HEALTH CARE. Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to apply to participate in the CMS Transforming Maternal Health Model.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to apply to participate in the CMS
3	Transforming Maternal Health Model.
4	WHEREAS, on December 15, 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
5	(CMS) announced the new Transforming Maternal Health (TMaH) Model designed to
6	improve maternal health care for people enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health
7	Insurance Program (CHIP); and
8	WHEREAS, the model will support participating state Medicaid agencies in the
9	development of a whole-person approach to pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum care that
10	addresses the physical health, mental health, and health-related social needs experienced
11	during pregnancy; and
12	WHEREAS, the goal of the model is to reduce disparities in access and treatment and
13	improve outcomes and experiences for mothers and their newborns, while also reducing
14	overall program expenditures; and
15	WHEREAS, TMaH's initiatives will center on three main pillars: access to care,
16	infrastructure, and workforce capacity; quality improvement and safety; and whole-person
17	care delivery; and
18	WHEREAS, TMaH will work with participating states to address gaps in maternal

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health care through activities like supporting access to midwives and doulas, improving
prenatal care for chronic conditions like diabetes and hypertension, and reducing
complicated procedures like c-sections for low-risk mothers; and
WHEREAS, TMaH will promote a more positive and supportive care experience and
will allow mothers to play an active role in the development of their birth plan, and feel that
their physical health, mental health, and health-related social needs are met; and
WHEREAS, all participating state Medicaid agencies will develop and implement
a health equity plan that addresses disparities among underserved populations; and
WHEREAS, participating state Medicaid agencies will also support the extension of
Medicaid and CHIP postpartum coverage to twelve months to promote preventive care,
overall health, and reduction of care costs; and
WHEREAS, the model has a three year pre-implementation period, during which
states receive targeted technical assistance to advance each model element and achieve
required pre-implementation milestones, and a seven year implementation period to execute
the model; and
WHEREAS, applications for state Medicaid agencies to participate in the model are
due in Summer 2024.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to apply to participate in the CMS
Transforming Maternal Health Model.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

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