

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to avoid cuts to the federal Medicaid program and to recognize the vital importance of Medicaid in maintaining the health, stability, and economic well-being of Louisiana residents and the broader healthcare system.

WHEREAS, Medicaid is a critical lifeline for over 1.6 million Louisianians, including children, pregnant women, seniors, people with disabilities, and working families with low incomes; and

WHEREAS, nearly seventy percent of nursing home residents in Louisiana rely on Medicaid to cover their long-term care needs; and

WHEREAS, over half of all births in the state are covered by Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has made thoughtful, state-tailored decisions about how to administer Medicaid, with bipartisan support and in partnership with federal agencies, to ensure the program delivers essential health services efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Medicaid program supports the stability of Louisiana's healthcare infrastructure, especially in rural areas, by reimbursing hospitals, community health centers, and other providers, including private providers for preventive care, emergency services, prenatal and postnatal care, and other critical medical services; and

WHEREAS, cuts to Medicaid at the federal level would disproportionately impact populations in Louisiana who have no alternative source of care, exacerbating existing poor health outcomes and potentially leading to worse outcomes, especially in rural communities; and

WHEREAS, reductions in Medicaid funding would shift the burden of uncompensated care onto hospitals and providers, many of which already operate under significant financial constraints, particularly in rural parishes; and

WHEREAS, uncompensated care ultimately results in higher private insurance premiums and costs for all Louisianians and weakens the broader health care delivery system; and

WHEREAS, if changes to Medicaid are considered to ensure long-term sustainability, they should be targeted, evidence-based, and developed in consultation with states and stakeholders to protect access to essential services; and

WHEREAS, additional restrictions that may harm caregivers, individuals with undiagnosed or untreated disabilities, or those facing significant life challenges should be avoided; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature affirms its commitment to safeguarding the health of all residents and recognizes that Medicaid is foundational to this mission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to oppose sweeping or indiscriminate cuts to Medicaid and to instead work in partnership with states to strengthen and preserve the program for the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress, and the secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES