



1 behavioral health crisis centers may obtain either a behavioral health service provider license  
2 or a crisis receiving center license; and

3 WHEREAS, facilities licensed as crisis receiving centers are the only facilities  
4 authorized and staffed to offer both short-term, twenty-three hour crisis stabilization services  
5 and long-term, three to seven day crisis care at the same location for individuals requiring  
6 further stabilization; and

7 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Medicaid fee schedule has distinct reimbursement rates  
8 for behavioral health crisis care performed with a behavioral health service license versus  
9 a crisis receiving center license with different levels of staffing required; and

10 WHEREAS, Medicaid reimbursement rates for behavioral health crisis care  
11 providers operating under a crisis receiving center license are inadequate to cover the cost  
12 of twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week staffing required by the Louisiana  
13 Department of Health, and the additional staffing required to care for higher acuity patients  
14 served by behavioral health crisis care providers and crisis receiving centers; and

15 WHEREAS, an independent, third-party rate analysis shows the total per diem cost  
16 for a licensed behavioral health crisis care provider operating a crisis receiving center is  
17 \$1,163 to provide the first twenty-three hours of care in compliance with state and federal  
18 regulatory staffing requirements, which includes costs for clinicians, nurses, licensed  
19 prescribers, peer support specialists, and behavioral health technicians; and

20 WHEREAS, the current Louisiana Medicaid per diem reimbursement rate for a  
21 licensed behavioral health crisis care provider operating a crisis receiving center is \$549.40;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, as a result of inadequate Medicaid reimbursement rates for a licensed  
24 behavioral health crisis care provider operating a crisis receiving center, there is currently  
25 only one provider of this type throughout Louisiana; and

26 WHEREAS, other crisis receiving centers have attempted to open in other regions  
27 of the state, but have been unable to open or remain viable due to inadequate Medicaid and  
28 commercial insurance reimbursement rates.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
30 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health and Louisiana commercial health

