2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 65

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

MEDICAID: Requests the La. Department of Health to study and report to the legislature concerning the potential implementation of mandatory case management in the Medicaid program

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study the potential
3	implementation of mandatory case management for Medicaid recipients identified
4	as high-risk and to report findings of the study to the legislative committees on
5	health and welfare.
6	WHEREAS, case management in health care has proven to be a vital tool in
7	improving the health status and quality of life for individuals identified as high-risk due to
8	either health status or socioeconomic factors; and
9	WHEREAS, through case management, individuals have opportunities to participate
10	in disease management programs such as diabetes management, smoking cessation, asthma
11	control, medication reminders, and referral to community programs and other evidence-
12	based strategies that assist people in their efforts to improve their health and socioeconomic
13	status; and
14	WHEREAS, case management in Medicaid is a voluntary service and, by federal
15	rule, individuals can decline the service if they choose; and
16	WHEREAS, currently, only twenty percent to thirty-five percent of Louisiana
17	Medicaid enrollees identified as high-risk actually receive case management services; and
18	WHEREAS, roughly one third of Louisiana's approximately four million five
19	hundred thousand residents receive health care through the taxpayer-funded Medicaid
20	program; and

1	WHEREAS, the overall cost of Louisiana's Medicaid program has increased from
2	approximately six billion dollars in 2012 to more than twelve billion dollars in 2018, and this
3	state's Medicaid spending is anticipated to grow to more than fourteen billion dollars by
4	2021; and
5	WHEREAS, state Medicaid programs must be innovative in order to continue to
6	provide quality health services while enrollment growth increases and costs continue to
7	escalate; and
8	WHEREAS, innovative state Medicaid programs include initiatives that improve
9	both health outcomes and overall quality of life for Medicaid enrollees; and
10	WHEREAS, in order to achieve the goal of improving public health, Medicaid
11	programs should not just assist participants with health coverage, but should also consider
12	initiatives that provide opportunities for disease management, community engagement, and
13	economic advancement; and
14	WHEREAS, case management is an evidence-based method of improving health
15	outcomes and making that service mandatory could lower healthcare costs and significantly
16	improve the health status of many Medicaid recipients.
17	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
18	urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study the potential implementation
19	of mandatory case management for Medicaid recipients identified as high-risk.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study called for in this
21	Resolution, the Louisiana Department of Health shall do all of the following:
22	(1) Communicate with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to determine
23	the feasibility of mandatory case management and strategies for implementing such a
24	program; and
25	(2) Examine the potential submission of a waiver application to the Centers for
26	Medicare and Medicaid Services through which this state would request an exemption to the
27	federal rule requiring that case management be voluntary.
28	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall issue
29	findings and recommendations from the study called for in this Resolution in the form of a

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- 1 report to the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health
- 2 and Welfare on or before January 1, 2019.
 - BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 4 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

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Requests the La. Department of Health to study the potential implementation of mandatory case management for certain Medicaid recipients and to report findings of the study to the legislative committees on health and welfare.