

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 252

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

MEDICAID: Requests the La. Department of Health to require all Medicaid managed care plans to participate in the quality incentive program

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to require all Medicaid managed
3 care plans to participate in the quality incentive program.

4 WHEREAS, the total funding appropriated for the Louisiana Medicaid program for
5 State Fiscal Year 2017-2018 was over twelve billion dollars; and

6 WHEREAS, within this amount, the total funding appropriated for private providers
7 was over ten billion dollars; and

8 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health, referred to hereafter as the
9 "department", allocated nearly eight billion dollars of its 2017-2018 private provider funding
10 to Medicaid managed care plans; and

11 WHEREAS, the department has indicated a need for an appropriation of at least
12 twelve billion dollars to operate the Medicaid program in State Fiscal Year 2018-2019; and

13 WHEREAS, during the course of this 2018 Regular Session, department officials
14 have testified that up to four hundred million dollars may be added to the managed care
15 budget for a quality incentive program; and

16 WHEREAS, the department has provided few details on the quality incentive
17 program and department officials have given little indication that input on the proposed
18 program would be sought from hospitals or the public; and

19 WHEREAS, department officials have testified that the quality incentive program
20 would be developed, implemented, and administered by the Medicaid managed care plans

1 through general instructions by the department to be contained in amendments to the state's
2 contracts with the managed care plans; and

3 WHEREAS, the legislature intends that improving the quality of health care for
4 Medicaid recipients should be an urgent priority of the Louisiana Medicaid program, and
5 that Medicaid quality incentive program criteria should apply to all Medicaid managed care
6 plans and incentive payments to all hospitals that meet the requisite performance criteria.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health
9 to require all Medicaid managed care plans to participate in the quality incentive program.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives hereby urges and
11 requests that all hospitals have the opportunity to contract with Medicaid managed care plans
12 to meet quality improvement standards applied uniformly to receive quality incentive
13 payments.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives hereby urges and
15 requests the Louisiana Department of Health to require the managed care plans to report to
16 the department their quality incentive criteria, how those criteria will improve the quality of
17 care for Medicaid recipients, how costs will be reduced, what efforts were made to allow all
18 hospitals to participate, which hospitals the managed care plans have enrolled or plan to
19 enroll in their quality incentive programs, and the amount of incentive payments expected
20 to be made to each hospital.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives hereby urges and
22 requests the Louisiana Department of Health to provide to the House Committee on
23 Appropriations, on or before December 1, 2018, a copy of the managed care plans' reports
24 to the department called for in this Resolution.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives hereby urges and
26 requests the Louisiana Department of Health to require the managed care plans to provide
27 testimony explaining their quality incentive programs at a meeting of the House Committee
28 on Appropriations or the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget prior to the
29 implementation of any quality incentive program.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
2 governor and to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the La. Department of Health (LDH) to require all Medicaid managed care plans to participate in the quality incentive program.

Requests further that LDH do all of the following in connection with the Quality Incentive Program:

- (1) Require the Medicaid managed care plans to report to LDH their quality incentive criteria, how those criteria will improve the quality of care for Medicaid recipients, how costs will be reduced, what efforts were made to allow all hospitals to participate, which hospitals managed care plans have enrolled or plan to enroll in their quality incentive programs, and the amount of incentive payments expected to be made to each hospital.
- (2) Provide to the House Committee on Appropriations, on or before Dec. 1, 2018, a copy of the managed care plans' reports to LDH.
- (3) Require managed care plans to provide testimony explaining their quality incentive programs at a meeting of the House Committee on Appropriations or the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget prior to the implementation of any quality incentive program.