

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER

MEDICAID: Requests a comparative analysis of Medicaid supplemental hospital funding across certain institutions within the state's safety net hospital system

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to conduct a comparative analysis
3 of Medicaid supplemental hospital funding across certain institutions within the
4 state's safety net hospital system, and to report the results of the analysis to the
5 members of the legislature and to the legislative auditor.

6 WHEREAS, Louisiana's public safety net hospitals are a vital component of the
7 overall healthcare system of this state; and

8 WHEREAS, the safety net hospital system underwent a rapid transformation
9 beginning in 2012 when the state commenced a large-scale privatization of the public
10 hospitals' operations while continuing to provide graduate medical education at the hospital
11 facilities through the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Centers at Shreveport and
12 New Orleans; and

13 WHEREAS, all but one of the state's safety net hospitals are now operated by private
14 partners, and the hospitals are now referred to collectively as "public-private partnership
15 hospitals"; and

16 WHEREAS, Medicaid supplemental hospital funding is a critical source of financing
17 for public-private partnership hospitals and other hospitals across the state which treat
18 significant numbers of low-income, uninsured, and indigent patients; and

19 WHEREAS, such funding includes payments made through the Medicaid
20 disproportionate share hospital program, upper payment limit programs, full Medicaid
21 pricing programs, and any Medicaid hospital payments other than base-rate payments which

1 are expended pursuant to special arrangements with individual hospitals or groups of
2 hospitals; and

3 WHEREAS, as recognized in House Concurrent Resolution No. 86 of the 2017
4 Regular Session and House Bill Nos. 350 and 462 of the 2018 Regular Session, Louisiana's
5 current system for allocating Medicaid supplemental hospital funding lacks transparency and
6 is in need of reform; and

7 WHEREAS, as a matter of fiscal policy and public health policy, it is essential for
8 the state to ensure stability in the financing of health care delivered through the safety net
9 hospital system and to provide for the system's sustainability.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
11 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the secretary of the Louisiana
12 Department of Health to determine all of the following Medicaid supplemental hospital
13 funding amounts, and to report such amounts to the legislature and the legislative auditor in
14 two annual reports:

15 (1) The total combined Medicaid supplemental hospital funding per adjusted
16 occupied bed in the most recent state fiscal year for the public-private partnership hospitals
17 at Shreveport and Monroe designated in R.S. 17:1519.2(B)(2)(a) and (b).

18 (2) The total combined Medicaid supplemental hospital funding per adjusted
19 occupied bed in the most recent state fiscal year for the public-private partnership hospital
20 at New Orleans designated in R.S. 17:1519.2(B)(1)(a).

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative auditor shall examine and validate
22 the funding amounts reported pursuant to this Resolution. If the legislative auditor is unable
23 to validate the amounts reported, then he shall notify the secretary of the Louisiana
24 Department of Health, and the secretary shall submit recalculated amounts to the legislative
25 auditor for validation.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the Louisiana Department of
27 Health shall submit the first annual report called for in this Resolution to the legislature and
28 the legislative auditor on or before December 31, 2018, and shall submit the final annual
29 report called for in this Resolution to the legislature and the legislative auditor on or before
30 December 31, 2019.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
2 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the legislative auditor, and the
3 commissioner of administration.

DIGEST

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Request the La. Dept. of Health to conduct a comparative analysis of Medicaid supplemental hospital funding across certain institutions within the state's safety net hospital system and to report the results of the analysis to the legislature and the legislative auditor.