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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Establishes a special joint committee, the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee, to monitor, review, and make recommendations relative to all aspects of the state Medicaid program.

Proposed Joint Rule creates the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee to monitor, review, and make recommendations relative to all aspects of the state Medicaid program, and provides that the committee shall be composed of:

- (1) Six members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker to reflect the makeup of the membership of the House of Representatives, to the extent practicable. Three members shall be members of the House Committee on Appropriations and three shall be members of the House Committee on Health and Welfare.
- (2) Six members of the Senate appointed by the president to reflect the makeup of the membership of the Senate, to the extent practicable. Three members shall be members of the Senate Committee on Finance and three members shall be members of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.

Proposed Joint Rule provides that the joint committee shall select a chairman and a vice chairman from among its members and shall receive staff support from the committee staff of the House health and welfare committee, the Senate health and welfare committee, the House appropriations committee, the Senate finance committee, the legislative fiscal office, and the legislative auditor.

Proposed Joint Rule requires the joint committee to:

- (1) Review how the Medicaid program relates to the public and private provision of healthcare coverage in this state and the U.S.
- (2) Recommend policies and strategies to encourage both of the following:
  - (a) Medicaid recipients being physically and mentally able to join and stay in the workforce and ultimately becoming self-sufficient.
  - (b) Healthy living, resulting in less use of the Medicaid program.
- (3) Review the compliance of the La. Dept. of Health with all applicable laws and regulations.

- (4) Recommend, to the extent the joint committee deems appropriate, improvements in laws, rules, and regulations concerning the Medicaid program.
- (5) Develop a plan of action for the future of the Medicaid program.

Proposed Joint Rule authorizes the joint committee to:

- (1) Plan, advertise, organize, and conduct forums, conferences, and other meetings to increase knowledge and understanding of and to develop and propose improvements in the Medicaid program.
- (2) Prepare and issue reports on the Medicaid program.

Proposed Joint Rule provides that the joint committee shall have the power and authority of a standing committee of either house to hold hearings, require the production of books and records, and do all other things necessary to discharge its duties. Requires the joint committee to conduct regular meetings to fulfill its functions and duties and, no later than 30 days prior to each regular session, to report all of its activities and recommendations to the presiding officer of each house, the governor, the House health and welfare committee, the Senate health and welfare committee, the House appropriations committee, the Senate finance committee, and the La. Dept. of Health or its successor. Provides that the joint committee may call upon the staffs of any department, agency, or official of the state, particularly the La. Dept. of Health, for data and assistance and may request and utilize the assistance of any and all private sources.

Proposed resolution requires the speaker of the House and the president of the Senate to appoint the members of the joint committee no later than 30 days after its adoption and requires a member of the joint committee designated by the speaker to call the first meeting of the joint committee no later than 10 days after all of the members are appointed and to preside until the joint committee selects a chairman and a vice chairman.

(Adds Joint Rule No. 11)