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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

MEDICAID: Requests the La. Department of Health to study and report on the costs of providing nursing services in certain Medicaid-funded programs and facilities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study the actual costs of 3 providing nursing services in the Medicaid-funded New Opportunities Waiver and 4 Residential Options Waiver programs and to residents of intermediate care facilities 5 for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities; to identify potential 6 means for fully funding nursing services for persons served by these programs and 7 facilities; and to report its findings to certain legislative committees. 8 WHEREAS, nurses are critical members of the care teams of persons with 9 intellectual and developmental disabilities who receive home- and community-based 10 services through the Medicaid waiver programs known as the New Opportunities Waiver 11 (NOW Waiver) and Residential Options Waiver (ROW Waiver); and 12 WHEREAS, nurses are indispensable to these care teams and to Medicaid waiver 13 service recipients because they provide needed nursing care to recipients and also deliver 14 mandatory training required for, and key support to, the direct support professionals who 15 provide the majority of the recipients' services; and 16 WHEREAS, intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual and 17 developmental disabilities, known commonly as ICFs, are Medicaid-funded residential 18 facilities at which children and adults with special needs receive individualized health care 19 and habilitation services; and

1	WHEREAS, state licensing regulations for disability services providers, including
2	ICFs and NOW Waiver and ROW Waiver service providers, require that these providers
3	employ, contract with, or otherwise assure access to all necessary professional staff to meet
4	the needs of each service recipient as identified and addressed in the recipient's
5	individualized service plan; and
6	WHEREAS, such professional staff may include, without limitation, licensed
7	practical nurses, registered nurses, and other health professionals; and
8	WHEREAS, the current reimbursement rates for nursing services for ICF residents
9	and in the NOW Waiver and ROW Waiver programs do not cover the full cost of providing
10	these required services.
11	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12	urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to determine, through provider surveys
13	and any other appropriate methods, the actual costs of providing nursing services in the
14	NOW Waiver and ROW Waiver programs and to residents of intermediate care facilities for
15	persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall study all potential means
17	for increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates for nursing services paid to providers in the
18	NOW Waiver and ROW Waiver programs and to intermediate care facilities for persons
19	with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall submit its findings from
21	the efforts called for in this Resolution in the form of a report to the House Committee on
22	Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Health and
23	Welfare, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, the Joint Medicaid Oversight
24	Committee, and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library no later than sixty days
25	prior to the convening of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.
26	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
27	secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

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DIGEST

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Urges and requests the La. Department of Health (LDH) to determine the actual costs of providing nursing services in the NOW Waiver program, the ROW Waiver program, and to residents of intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Requests that LDH study potential means for increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates for nursing services paid to providers in those programs and facilities.

Requires LDH to submit its findings in the form of a report to the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, the legislative committees on health and welfare, and the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee no later than 60 days prior to the convening of the 2023 R.S.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Health and Welfare</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Make technical changes.