

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 175

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to study increased patient access to medically necessary breast pumps by increasing Medicaid reimbursement and coverage rates for breast pumps.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study increased patient access
3 to medically necessary breast pumps by increasing Medicaid reimbursement and
4 coverage rates for breast pumps from eighty dollars to one hundred forty dollars.

5 WHEREAS, breastfeeding is widely recognized by medical professionals and public
6 health organizations for its substantial health benefits to infants and mothers, including
7 improved infant nutrition, strengthened immune protection, and reduced maternal health
8 risks; and

9 WHEREAS, access to quality breast pumps is essential for many mothers,
10 particularly working mothers, mothers of premature infants, and mothers experiencing
11 medical complications that require expressed breast milk; and

12 WHEREAS, the Medicaid program serves a significant number of pregnant and
13 postpartum women in Louisiana, many of whom rely upon Medicaid coverage to obtain
14 medically necessary breastfeeding equipment; and

15 WHEREAS, current Medicaid reimbursement and coverage rates for breast pumps
16 in Louisiana may not adequately reflect current market costs for durable, effective, and
17 medically appropriate breast pumps; and

18 WHEREAS, insufficient reimbursement rates may limit supplier participation, reduce

1 patient choice, and create barriers to timely access for Medicaid recipients; and

2 WHEREAS, increasing Medicaid coverage for breast pumps from eighty dollars to
3 one hundred forty dollars may improve patient access, enhance maternal and infant health
4 outcomes, and support continued breastfeeding efforts across the state; and

5 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study by the Louisiana Department of Health would
6 assist the legislature in evaluating the fiscal impact, healthcare benefits, provider
7 participation, and patient outcomes associated with increasing breast pump reimbursement
8 and coverage rates.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
10 does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study the impact of
11 increasing Medicaid reimbursement and coverage for breast pumps from eighty dollars to
12 one hundred forty dollars in order to improve patient access to medically necessary
13 breastfeeding equipment.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall include, at a minimum:

- 15 (1) Current breast pump utilization and access among Medicaid recipients.
16 (2) Comparative reimbursement rates in other states.
17 (3) Supplier participation and network adequacy.
18 (4) Potential maternal and infant health outcomes associated with increased access.
19 (5) Fiscal considerations and potential cost savings associated with improved
20 breastfeeding rates.
21 (6) Recommendations for legislative or administrative action.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall submit
23 a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Senate Committee on Health and
24 Welfare no later than February 1, 2027.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
26 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

