

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 175

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request 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 from eighty dollars to one hundred forty dollars.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, insufficient reimbursement rates may limit supplier participation, reduce patient choice, and create barriers to timely access for Medicaid recipients; and

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

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

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

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

- (1) Current breast pump utilization and access among Medicaid recipients.
- (2) Comparative reimbursement rates in other states.
- (3) Supplier participation and network adequacy.
- (4) Potential maternal and infant health outcomes associated with increased access.
- (5) Fiscal considerations and potential cost savings associated with improved breastfeeding rates.

- (6) Recommendations for legislative or administrative action.

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE