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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62

BY SENATOR MILLS

MEDICAID. Requests the Department of Health and Hospitals to seek a Medicaid state plan amendment from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to include as a Medicaid service the Tdap vaccine to pregnant women and to provide a cost analysis to the legislature for providing this Medicaid service.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to seek a Medicaid state plan
3	amendment from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to include as a
4	Medicaid service the Tdap vaccine to pregnant women and to provide a cost analysis
5	to the legislature for providing this Medicaid service.
6	WHEREAS, pertussis, more commonly known as whooping cough, is a highly
7	contagious bacterial disease that is potentially fatal to infants; and
8	WHEREAS, although many childhood diseases have been nearly eliminated by
9	vaccinations, incidences of pertussis among adults, adolescents, and young infants have
10	increased sharply over the past decade; and
11	WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2013 Provisional
12	Pertussis Surveillance Report found one hundred sixty-six cases of pertussis in Louisiana
13	that could have been prevented through the administration of a Tdap vaccine; and
14	WHEREAS, while most infants are given immunizations against pertussis, they do
15	not begin the series of vaccinations until they are two months of age and are probably not
16	protected until they have had at least three doses; and
17	WHEREAS, unvaccinated adults and adolescents can contract and spread this serious
18	disease without realizing it, as the symptoms in an adult may resemble a common cold or

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## 2 WHEREAS, research has shown that up to eighty percent of babies catch pertussis 3 from family members, usually a parent; and 4 WHEREAS, the spread of pertussis may be limited by increasing the vaccination rate among pregnant women, parents, and family members; and 5 WHEREAS, Act No. 159 of the 2013 Regular Session requires a hospital to offer the 6 7 Tdap vaccination to each parent of a newborn infant prior to discharge from the hospital; and 8 WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends 9 pregnant women receive the Tdap vaccination during pregnancy. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 10 11 urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to seek a Medicaid state plan amendment from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to include as a Medicaid 12 13 service the Tdap vaccine for pregnant women and to provide a cost analysis to the legislature 14 for providing this Medicaid service. 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 16 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

## DIGEST

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