

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 224

BY REPRESENTATIVES EDMONDS AND BACALA

MEDICAID: Urges and requests the Louisiana Department of Health and the commissioner of administration to issue a Request for Proposals or Request for Applications for the purpose of providing managed long term services and supports

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the  
3 commissioner of administration to cause to be issued a Request for Proposals or a  
4 Request for Applications, for the purpose of providing managed long term services  
5 and supports exclusively to Medicaid-eligible recipients of such services and to  
6 Medicaid-eligible recipients who also receive Medicare services, excepting the  
7 developmentally disabled Medicaid-eligible population.

8 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has had fifteen mid-year budget deficits over the  
9 last nine years; and

10 WHEREAS, as of the forecast adopted by the Revenue Estimating Conference on  
11 January 13, 2017, projected continuation expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 are  
12 expected to exceed projected revenues by \$400 million; and

13 WHEREAS, a decline in revenue in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 is projected to cause a  
14 shortfall of almost \$1.5 billion; and

15 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives reduced appropriations to the Louisiana  
16 Department of Health by \$235 million in the state general fund in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 in  
17 anticipation of shortfalls in revenue; and

18 WHEREAS, there are different reports of savings to the state from managed long  
19 term services and supports for Medicaid-eligible recipients, including testimony from the

1 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health that savings could be \$70 million on the  
2 low end; and

3 WHEREAS, in the fiscal note to the original version of House Bill No. 152 of the  
4 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature, the legislative fiscal office indicates that as a result  
5 of long term care populations being placed in full risk capitated plans, additional premium  
6 tax revenues are anticipated to be generated and for illustrative purposes cites "a 5.5% tax  
7 on current long term care expenditures (existing book of business) could generate as much  
8 as \$100 M(illion) in a given year"; and

9 WHEREAS, implementation of long term managed care is necessary to realize any  
10 cost savings and increased revenues from the managed care premium tax to mitigate  
11 reductions to the Louisiana Department of Health.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the secretary of the Louisiana  
14 Department of Health and the commissioner of administration to cause to be issued a  
15 Request for Proposals or a Request for Applications, for the purpose of providing managed  
16 long term services and supports exclusively to Medicaid-eligible recipients of such services  
17 and to Medicaid-eligible recipients who also receive Medicare services, excepting the  
18 developmentally disabled Medicaid-eligible population.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the scope of the Request for Proposals or  
20 Request for Applications shall include the provision of all Medicaid long term services and  
21 supports to the covered populations named above.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the secretary of the Louisiana Department of  
23 Health or the commissioner of administration determines that a Request for Proposals or  
24 Request for Applications cannot be issued, then the secretary of the Louisiana Department  
25 of Health is hereby urged to include by amendment such Medicaid long term services and  
26 supports within the scope of the existing five Healthy Louisiana plan contracts.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
28 to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the commissioner of  
29 administration.

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**DIGEST**

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