

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 224

BY REPRESENTATIVES EDMONDS AND BACALA

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, there are different reports of savings to the state from managed long term services and supports for Medicaid-eligible recipients, including testimony from the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health that savings could be \$70 million on the low end; and

WHEREAS, in the fiscal note to the original version of House Bill No. 152 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature, the legislative fiscal office indicates that as a result of long term care populations being placed in full risk capitated plans, additional premium

tax revenues are anticipated to be generated and for illustrative purposes cites "a 5.5% tax on current long term care expenditures (existing book of business) could generate as much as \$100 M(illion) in a given year"; and

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

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

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

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES