

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to study the laws and regulations governing inpatient reimbursement to out-of-state hospitals, to study the policy reasons for establishing a different methodology for three out-of-state hospitals and to study the effect of these laws and regulations on access to care for Medicaid eligible Louisiana citizens in northeast Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Rural Hospital Preservation Act provides criteria for development of Medicaid reimbursement rates to out-of-state hospitals; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Hospitals has promulgated regulations governing Medicaid reimbursement provided to out-of-state hospitals for inpatient care; and

WHEREAS, these regulations provide for a general reimbursement methodology for out-of-state hospitals and a specific, different methodology for three Mississippi hospitals; and

WHEREAS, these three Mississippi hospitals provide important Medicaid services to Louisiana citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to study the laws and regulations governing inpatient reimbursement to out-of-state hospitals, to study the policy reasons for establishing a different methodology for three out-of-state hospitals and to study the effect of these laws and regulations on access to care for Medicaid eligible Louisiana citizens in northeast Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Hospitals submit a written report of its findings and conclusions to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the House Committee on Health and Welfare not less than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2009 Regular Session.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES