

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 668

BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1300.324, relative to in-home care services; to provide for requirements  
3 of the Department of Health and Hospitals relative to health service program  
4 administration; to provide for in-home care service programs; to provide a definition  
5 for electronic visit verification system; to provide a conditional requirement for  
6 implementing such a system; to provide findings relative to quality of care and cost  
7 savings; to provide for a definition; to provide for promulgation of rules; and to  
8 provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 40:1300.324 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §1300.324. Electronic visit verification system; implementation; conditions

12 A. For purposes of this Section, "electronic visit verification system" means  
13 an automated point-of-service verification system which electronically verifies that  
14 service visits occur and documents the points in time when service provision begins  
15 and ends.

16 B. The legislature hereby finds that due to the significant potential of  
17 electronic visit verification systems for improving care quality and containing  
18 medical assistance program costs, notably through prevention of fraud, abuse, and  
19 billing errors, the implementation of such systems in home- and community-based  
20 long-term care and other in-home service care programs is in the best interest of this  
21 state.

22 C. To the maximum extent practicable, and subject to the conditions  
23 provided in Subsection D of this Section, the department shall implement an  
24 electronic visit verification system for all in-home care services that it funds through  
25 medical assistance programs.

1                    D.(1) If the conditions of Paragraph (3) of this Subsection are satisfied, then  
 2                    the department shall promulgate such rules in accordance with the Administrative  
 3                    Procedure Act as are necessary to ensure optimal functioning of the electronic visit  
 4                    verification system.

5                    (2) The department may provide rate enhancements and other financial  
 6                    incentives to providers of long-term care services to facilitate timely and effective  
 7                    implementation of the electronic visit verification system.

8                    (3) The department may implement an electronic visit verification system  
 9                    only if the fiscal impact thereof is reasonably expected to be cost-neutral or result in  
 10                   cost savings.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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