

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 137

BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMON

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to engage in a cooperative effort with other public and private organizations and institutions in establishing the Louisiana Center for Chronic Care Innovation.

WHEREAS, a cornerstone of the plan developed by the Study Group on Chronic Care Management in the Community, which was created by House Resolution No. 125 of the 2011 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, is to create a public and private partnership that improves outcomes for Louisiana residents with chronic disease and helps them remain in their own homes and communities as long as possible; and

WHEREAS, the study group outlined key recommendations and strategies for improving coordination of care for persons living with chronic disease; and

WHEREAS, seventy-five cents of every health care dollar is spent on chronic disease; and

WHEREAS, the current traditional acute care model of health care does not provide sufficient coordination of care over time; and

WHEREAS, long-term services and supports need to be in place at the community level; and

WHEREAS, the population of individuals with chronic disease is living longer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to engage in a cooperative effort with other public and private organizations and institutions in establishing the Louisiana Center for Chronic Care Innovation, building on the guidance provided by the Study Group on Chronic Care Management in the Community in its February 2012 report to the legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives urges and requests the Department of Health and Hospitals to help public and private partners establish the Louisiana Center for Chronic Care Innovation, at no cost to the state, for the following purposes:

(1) To prioritize, champion and stimulate implementation of the key recommendations and strategies from the Study Group on Chronic Care management in the Community.

(2) To study and disseminate evidence-based practices and concepts of chronic care coordination.

(3) To provide a vehicle to move evidence from research to practice.

(4) To serve as a catalyst in enhancing interprofessional collaboration in chronic care management initiatives.

(5) To convene collaborative summits and projects to enhance innovations in chronic care management in the community.

(6) To seek grant and other funding opportunities for chronic care innovation in Louisiana communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Center for Chronic Care Innovation reports quarterly to the Study Group on Chronic Care Management in the Community.

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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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES