

1 WHEREAS, on average, measured in 2019 dollars, the annual cost of health care for
2 a Medicare beneficiary with obesity is two thousand eighteen dollars more than the annual
3 cost of health care for a beneficiary of healthy weight; and

4 WHEREAS, the overall improvement in public health resulting from coverage for
5 obesity treatments would lead to lower expenditures in emergency room care, ambulatory
6 care, inpatient stays, and prescriptions and is estimated to achieve net savings in healthcare
7 costs of approximately seven thousand dollars per person over ten years; and

8 WHEREAS, utilization of obesity treatments are predicted to generate Medicare
9 budget savings of between eighteen billion dollars and twenty-three billion dollars over ten
10 years; and

11 WHEREAS, less than one percent of Medicare beneficiaries with obesity are able
12 to access obesity care; and

13 WHEREAS, the Treat and Reduce Obesity Act of 2021 (TROA) has been introduced
14 as H.R. 1577 and S. 596 in the One Hundred Seventeenth United States Congress; and

15 WHEREAS, this legislation is a real opportunity to help adults living with obesity
16 by making targeted therapies and medications more widely available through Medicare; and

17 WHEREAS, the Medicare coverage changes proposed by TROA would decrease
18 federal government spending by approximately twenty-five million dollars over the fiscal
19 year 2020 through 2029 budget period; and

20 WHEREAS, with cosponsors representing both the Democratic and Republican
21 Parties, TROA enjoys bipartisan support in both the United States Senate and House of
22 Representatives, and Senator Bill Cassidy and Representative Garrett Graves of Louisiana
23 are among the cosponsors of this legislation; and

24 WHEREAS, organizations that have endorsed TROA include the Academy of
25 Nutrition and Dietetics, American Academy of PAs, American Association of Clinical
26 Endocrinologists, American Association of Nurse Practitioners, American College of
27 Occupational and Environmental Medicine, American Council on Excellence, American
28 Gastroenterological Association, American Medical Group Association, American
29 Psychological Association, American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, Black
30 Woman's Health Imperative, Eisai, Endocrine Society, Global Liver Institute, Healthcare

1 Leadership Council, MedTech Coalition for Metabolic Health, National Alliance of
2 Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions, Novo Nordisk, Obesity Action Coalition, Obesity Medicine
3 Association, Strategies to Overcome and Prevent Obesity Alliance, The Obesity Society,
4 Trust for America's Health, WW International, and YMCA of the USA.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
6 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to pass the
7 Treat and Reduce Obesity Act of 2021.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
9 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
10 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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