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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 293

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health and its Medicaid program to update the outpatient laboratory fee schedule to reflect the coverage of all related Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for respiratory viral panels.

WHEREAS, Louisiana hospitals and healthcare providers throughout Louisiana are impacted by the decision of the Louisiana Department of Health and its Medicaid program to not update their laboratory fee schedule to reflect coverage of all related CPT codes for respiratory viral panels; and

WHEREAS, healthcare providers that participate in the Medicaid program in this state currently cannot be reimbursed for respiratory viral panels for certain infectious viral diseases; and

WHEREAS, the utilization of respiratory panels is a means of detecting potential respiratory infections, which may complicate a patient's diagnosis and treatment options; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health has recognized the need for the Medicaid program in this state to cover and pay for laboratory testing for respiratory viral infections, particularly when the testing utilizes high throughput technology; and

WHEREAS, when ordered by a Louisiana hospital or healthcare provider, these respiratory viral panels provide a useful and effective means of identifying, quickly treating, and limiting the spread of serious respiratory infections; and

WHEREAS, it is vital for the Louisiana Department of Health and its Medicaid program to examine and update the current outpatient fee schedule.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health and its Medicaid program to update the outpatient fee schedule to reflect coverage of all related CPT codes for respiratory viral panels to ensure that the Medicaid managed care organizations with which the Medicaid program in this state contracts will be reimbursed and hospitals and healthcare providers in this state can appropriately bill for testing using respiratory viral panels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the outpatient fee schedule, reflecting coverage of all related CPT codes for respiratory viral panels, shall be updated no later than July 1, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the executive director of the Medicaid program.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES