

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 38

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

MEDICAID: Urges and requests the La. Department of Health to study and develop a remote patient monitoring initiative in the state Medicaid program

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study and develop a remote  
3 patient monitoring initiative within the Louisiana Medicaid program.

4 WHEREAS, remote patient monitoring uses digital technologies to collect medical  
5 information and other forms of health data from an individual in one location and  
6 electronically transmit that information securely to a healthcare provider in a different  
7 location for assessment and recommendations; and

8 WHEREAS, remote patient monitoring allows healthcare providers to improve the  
9 quality of care by allowing a clinician or team of health professionals to connect more  
10 consistently with patients through relevant patient data, ultimately resulting in improved  
11 health outcomes and a reduction in unnecessary utilization; and

12 WHEREAS, remote patient monitoring improves patient behavior by creating a  
13 system by which people are more engaged with, and accountable for, their health through  
14 the use of technology that is comfortable and familiar to them; and

15 WHEREAS, when used by clinicians, remote patient monitoring can provide a more  
16 holistic view of a patient's health over time, increase visibility into a patient's adherence to  
17 a treatment, and decrease the cost of health care by enabling timely intervention before a  
18 costly care episode occurs; and

19 WHEREAS, remote patient monitoring has been shown to yield particularly  
20 favorable outcomes for patients who are managing chronic disease in addition to enabling  
21 innovation in population health and care delivery models; and

1           WHEREAS, remote patient monitoring has become an especially important tool to  
2 manage patients' health during the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

3           WHEREAS, recognizing the value of remote patient monitoring, the federal Centers  
4 for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently adopted policies in the Medicare program that  
5 will significantly increase the ability of healthcare providers to offer remote patient  
6 monitoring capabilities to Medicare patients; and

7           WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of this state for the Louisiana Department of  
8 Health to study and develop a framework for the implementation of remote patient  
9 monitoring in the Louisiana Medicaid program.

10           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
11 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health  
12 to study and develop a remote patient monitoring initiative within the Louisiana Medicaid  
13 program.

14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall submit  
15 a report concerning development of the remote patient monitoring initiative called for in this  
16 Resolution to the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the David R. Poynter  
17 Legislative Research Library on or before November 1, 2020.

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
19 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

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DIGEST

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Urges and requests the La. Department of Health (LDH) to study and develop a remote patient monitoring initiative within the state Medicaid program. Requests LDH to submit a report on development of the initiative to the House Committee on Health and Welfare on or before Nov. 1, 2020.