

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 156

BY SENATOR BUFFINGTON

A RESOLUTION

To direct the Department of Health and Hospitals to submit a report on the status of implementation of the plan mandated by Act 299 of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Act 299 of the 2011 Regular Session of the legislature directed the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) to develop a comprehensive plan to address the delivery of quality services to persons receiving home-and-community-based services and to submit such plan for implementation to the Senate and House of Representatives health and welfare committees by January 15, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Act 299 mandates nine specific focus areas to be addressed by the plan, which are: (1) accreditation of providers; (2) compliance of providers with standards and ongoing monitoring; (3) billing procedures; (4) cost reporting by providers; (5) support coordination in order to streamline the delivery of services; (6) rate reimbursement; (7) use of technology; (8) Medicaid enrollment; and (9) Medicaid delivery options, including the use of organized health care delivery systems; and

WHEREAS, DHH convened a wide variety of stakeholders and produced a report that addressed these nine focus areas, outlining recommendations and a plan for implementation of the recommendations and submitted the report to the legislative health and welfare committees; and

WHEREAS, DHH believes that implementation of the plan has begun to produce the desired results of improved quality and cost effectiveness as well as compliance with licensure standards; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana has been actively involved in enacting legislation to control costs and improve quality in home-and-community-based services and has an ongoing interest in seeing the plan fully implemented.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the Department of Health and Hospitals to submit a report on the status of the implementation of the plan mandated by Act 299 of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana to the Senate and House of Representatives health and welfare committees on or before February 1, 2013.

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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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE