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Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of the Secretary

January 15, 2010

The Honorable Joel T. Chaisson II, President
Louisiana Senate
State Capitol
P.O. Box 94183
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear President Chaisson:

In response to House Concurrent Resolution No. 142 (HCR 142) of the 2009 Regular Session, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) submits the enclosed report. The resolution directs the Department of Health and Hospitals to submit written quarterly reports regarding costs and other pertinent data for the New Opportunities Waiver, the Elderly and Disabled Adult Waiver, and the Long-Term Personal Care Services Program.

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The Honorable Jim Tucker, Speaker
Louisiana House of Representatives
State Capitol
P.O. Box 94062
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Speaker Tucker:

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The Honorable James R. "Jim" Fannin, Chair
Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget
State Capitol
P.O. Box 44294
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Chairman Fannin:

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The Honorable Kay Katz, Chair
House Health and Welfare Committee
State Capitol
P.O. Box 44486
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

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The Honorable Willie Mount, Chair
Senate Health and Welfare Committee
State Capitol
P.O. Box 94183
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Chairman Mount:

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TO: House Committee on Health and Welfare
Senate Committee on Health and Welfare
Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget

FROM: Alan Levine
Secretary, DHH

SUBJECT: HCR 142 – January 15, 2010 Report

DATE: January 15, 2010

As directed in HCR 142 of the 2009 Regular Session, the following response is provided by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

HCR 142- Third Report - January 2010

- 1) The number of recipients served in the Long Term/Personal Care Services Program (LT-PCS), the Elderly & Disabled Adults Waiver (EDA), and the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW), and the average annual cost per recipient served in each program.
 - a. Number of Recipients
 - i. EDA: 3,568
 - ii. LT-PCS (without EDA): 10,061
 - iii. NOW 6,811
 - b. Average Annual Care Plan Approved Cost
 - i. EDA: \$32,161
 - ii. LT-PCS (without EDA): \$18,407
 - iii. NOW: \$67,541
- 2) The number of recipients in each program whose annual cost of service exceeds the average cost for that program.
 - a. EDA: 1,733 (49%)
 - b. LT-PCS (without EDA): 5,144 (51%)
 - c. NOW: 2,946 (44%)

- 3) The number of recipients in each program whose annual service costs increased from the previous year.
 - a. EDA: Three hundred forty-eight (348) EDA participants had a cost increase between July 1, 2009 and December 15, 2009 compared to their previous year's plan. However, the average cost of 1,659 plans completed during this time under resource allocation is 22% less than the average cost from the previous year.
 - b. LT-PCS (without EDA): Seven hundred sixty-two (762) LT-PCS participants had an increase between July 1, 2009 and December 15, 2009 compared to their previous year's plan. However, the average cost of 2,162 plans completed during this time under resource allocation is 9% less than the average cost from the previous year.
 - c. NOW: Seventy Eight (78) NOW participants had a cost increase during this quarter compared to their previous year's plan. However, the average cost of 432 plans completed this year under resource allocation is \$17,849 less than the average cost of plans from the previous fiscal year. These savings are in addition to any savings achieved as the result of rate reductions.

- 4) The number of persons on the waiting lists for each program.
 - a. EDA: 16,940ⁱ
 - b. NOW: 9,440

- 5) The number of persons on waiting lists who are currently receiving services and the type of service they are receiving.
 - a. EDA
 - i. 4,709 LT-PCS
 - ii. 413 ADHC waiver
 - iii. 77 NOW waiver
 - iv. 140 Supports waiver

 - b. NOW
 - i. 212 LT-PCS
 - ii. 23 ADHC waiver
 - iii. 146 EDA waiver
 - iv. 1,265 Supports waiver
 - v. 770 Support coordination through a non-waiver service (EPSDT, Ventilator Assistance, First time mothers)

6) The number of persons moved from an existing service to the New Opportunities Waiver and the additional cost or savings for each program.

a. Summarization chart follows.

OCDD's Response to HCR 142 Question # 6 (as of December 31, 2009)

SUMMARY OF NOW RECIPIENTS TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER MEDICAID PROGRAMS

TRANSFER PROGRAM TYPE	ANNUALIZED AVG. COST PER		ESTIMATED ANNUAL SAVINGS/INCREASE
	RECIPIENT	TRANSFERS	
ICFMR		0	\$0
CHILDREN'S CHOICE	\$12,347	35	\$1,936,760
SUPPORTS WAIVER	\$9,240	156	\$9,117,108
NURSING HOME	\$38,006	2	\$59,354
SUPPORTS & SERVICES CENTER	\$205,444	34	-\$4,683,871
EDA & LT-PCS	\$33,372	21	\$720,531
ADHC	\$20,500	1	\$47,183
TOTAL		249	\$7,197,065

OCDD CHART NOTES:

- As of December 31, 2009, 454 persons have been certified into the New Opportunity Waiver (NOW) since July 1, 2009.
- 249 of these participants were previous recipients of the Medicaid programs listed above during the 2009-2010 state fiscal year.
- The savings/increase estimate was based on the average cost of per recipient of each program recipient as compared to the average 2nd quarter plan cost of the NOW.
- Average cost information used in this comparison does not include acute care.
- The estimated increase in cost of \$7,264,345 above the previous program cost will be adjusted each quarter to reflect updated expenditure data based on resource allocation. We expect this figure to drop significantly.

7) The average cost of persons receiving services from both the Long Term/Personal Care Services Program and the Elderly & Disabled Adults Waiver Program.

a. \$32,562ⁱⁱ

8) The average cost for persons receiving services in privately operated nursing facilities and privately operated Intermediate Care Facilities for persons with developmental disabilities.

a. Nursing Facility Cost: \$33,915ⁱⁱⁱ

b. ICF-DD Cost: \$59,203^{iv}

ⁱ Due to the Barthelemy Settlement ending on December 31, 2009, the EDA registry count is now reported with both class-members and non class-members included.

ⁱⁱ Based on 3,502 annual EDA care plans – includes only those with LT-PCS services

ⁱⁱⁱ Based on the SFY-0809 372 report MW-S-71-A(S)

^{iv} Based on daily rate for private ICF's, including patient liability

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 142

BY REPRESENTATIVE NOWLIN AND SENATOR THOMPSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the Department of Health and Hospitals to develop and submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services new waiver or state plan options for a sustainable system of home- and community-based services, to continue to implement approved cost control mechanisms for the Long Term/Personal Care Services Program, the Elderly and Disabled Adults Waiver, and the New Opportunities Waiver, and to provide quarterly progress reports to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

WHEREAS, the Medicaid program in Louisiana currently spends in excess of one billion six hundred million dollars annually on a variety of programs to address the long-term care needs of our citizens who are elderly or have severely disabling conditions. These expenditures constitute in excess of thirty-eight percent of all Medicaid costs for health care services; and

WHEREAS, expenditures on Medicaid long-term care supports and services account for sixty-three percent of total growth in Medicaid spending over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, despite the substantial financial commitment that the Legislature of Louisiana has made to the provision of long-term care services, many Louisiana residents are still required to wait for years to receive the services they need; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Hospitals has proposed and the legislature has approved a number of proposals to provide for cost control mechanisms in the Long Term/Personal Care Services Program, the Elderly and Disabled Adults Waiver, and the New Opportunities Waiver.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the Department of Health and Hospitals to develop and submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services an array of new waiver or state plan options for a

sustainable system of home- and community-based services that are quality-driven, promote cost-effective delivery of services, and maintain and support, rather than replace, informal care. The goal of these new service options shall be to serve the greatest number of eligible individuals whose institutionalization may be delayed or avoided within available resources and to do so while maintaining good quality of life and health outcomes for recipients of these services. The Department of Health and Hospitals shall present for approval any new waiver or state plan option to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and House Committee on Health and Welfare, meeting jointly, before submission to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the Department of Health and Hospitals to prepare and submit a written report on July 1, 2009, October 1, 2009, January 1, 2010, and April 1, 2010, to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and to present the reports to the committees upon request of their committee chairpersons. Each report shall include:

(1) The number of recipients served in the Long Term/Personal Care Services Program, the Elderly and Disabled Adults Waiver, and the New Opportunities Waiver, and the average annual cost per recipient served in each program.

(2) The number of recipients in each program whose annual cost of service exceeds the average cost for that program.

(3) The number of recipients in each program whose annual service costs have increased from the previous year.

(4) The number of persons on waiting lists for each program.

(5) The number of persons on waiting lists who are currently receiving services and the type of services they are receiving.

(6) The number of persons moved from an existing service to the New Opportunities Waiver and the additional cost or savings for each person.

(7) The average cost of persons receiving services from both the Long Term/Personal Care Services Program and the Elderly Adults Waiver Program.

(8) The average cost for persons receiving services in privately operated nursing facilities and privately operated Intermediate Care Facilities for persons with developmental disabilities.

(9) Other pertinent data as requested by the committees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE