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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 Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 116 (SCR 116) of the 2009 Regular Session, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) submits the enclosed report. The resolution directs that savings generated from cost effective practices in the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) program be maintained in the NOW program to sustain current waiver slots or apply to new slots for those on the waiting list. The resolution provides that DHH report the savings achieved and the number of waiver slots for people with developmental disabilities offered, filled, and served on a quarterly basis.

DHH is available to discuss the enclosed report and recommendations with you at your convenience. Please contact Kathy Kliebert, assistant secretary of the office for citizens with developmental disabilities, at (225) 342-0095 with any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,

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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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Enclosures

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 116
2009 REGULAR SESSION**

Quarterly Report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget

**THE NEW OPPORTUNITIES WAIVER -
STATUS OF SAVINGS AND SLOTS: July – December 2009**

In accordance with Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 116 adopted during the 2009 Regular Session, the Department of Health and Hospitals has prepared this quarterly report for the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

CHARGE OF RESOLUTIONS:

- Savings generated from cost effective practices in the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) program will be maintained in the NOW program to sustain current waiver slots or apply to new slots for those on the waiting list.
- The Department of Health and Hospitals will report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget regarding the savings achieved and the number of waiver slots for people with developmental disabilities offered, filled, and served on a quarterly basis, beginning July 1, 2009.

SECOND QUARTER STATUS:

SCR NO. 116 REPORT

July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009

NEW OPPORTUNITIES WAIVER

SAVINGS THROUGH 2 nd QUARTER OF SFY 2009-2010 ¹	\$676,186
PROJECTED SAVINGS FROM RESOURCE ALLOCATION FY10 ²	\$11,222,926
NOW SLOTS OFFERED JULY 1, 2009 THRU DEC. 31, 2009	896
NOW SLOTS FILLED JULY 1, 2009 THRU DEC. 31, 2009	454
UNDUPLICATED RECIPIENTS SERVED	6,958

NOTES:

¹There were no material savings the first quarter of the fiscal year because of the timeframe needed to complete assessments, planning and have plans approved and implemented. Savings through the second quarter are based on 437 plans completed under Resource Allocation.

²Projected savings estimate is through June 30, 2010 with a target of 2220 additional plans projected to be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 116

BY SENATORS DONAHUE, ADLEY, ALARIO, AMEDEE, APPEL, CHAISSON, CLAITOR, CROWE, DORSEY, DUPRE, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAUX, N. GAUTREAUX, GRAY EVANS, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, KOSTELKA, LONG, MARIONNEAUX, MARTINY, MORRELL, MORRISH, MURRAY, NEVERS, QUINN, SHAW AND SMITH AND REPRESENTATIVES BALDONE, TIM BURNS, CORTEZ, CROMER, HARRISON, HINES, HOFFMANN, HOWARD, KATZ, LABRUZZO, LIGI, NOWLIN, PEARSON, POPE, RICHARD, RICHMOND, SCHRODER, SIMON, TALBOT, TUCKER, WILLIAMS AND WOOTON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct that savings generated from cost effective practices in the NOW program be maintained in the NOW program to sustain current waiver slots or apply to new slots for those on the waiting list and to provide that the Department of Health and Hospitals report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget the savings achieved and the number of waiver slots for people with developmental disabilities offered, filled, and served on a quarterly basis, beginning July 1, 2009.

WHEREAS, approximately 9,200 individuals with developmental disabilities are on a waiting list for home and community based waiver services; and

WHEREAS, the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS)/La. Plus assessment process and Resource Allocation Model was approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and will be implemented by the Department of Health and Hospitals to reduce the per person cost of the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW); and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Resource Allocation Model will result in savings estimated to be at least \$16 million in the NOW program; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the assessment process and a new individual planning process have already achieved savings in the NOW program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby authorizes and directs that savings generated from cost effective practices in the NOW program be maintained in the NOW program to sustain current waiver slots or apply to new

slots for those on the waiting list.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Hospitals report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget the savings achieved and the number of waiver slots for people with developmental disabilities offered, filled, and served on a quarterly basis, beginning July 1, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Department of Health and Hospitals and the Governor's Office of Disability Affairs.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES