

HCR 105 -- Redline

Engrossed to Enrolled -- HEALTH: Urges the Louisiana Department of Health and health insurers to increase reimbursement for Behavioral Health Crisis Centers

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~~HLS~~ENROLLED-26RS-3633-ENGROSSED Regular Session HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

105 BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG ~~HEALTH:~~A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health and Louisiana commercial health insurance payors to increase reimbursement rates for Behavioral Health Crisis Centers (BHCCs) operating under a Crisis Receiving Center (CRC) license.

~~Urges~~WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Crisis Response Health System and (LA-CRS) health was
~~insurers established to in increase as reimbursement a for statewide Behavioral mental Health health~~
~~Crisis crisis Centers response A system CONCURRENT aligned RESOLUTION with To urge and request the~~
~~Louisiana Substance Department Abuse of Health and Louisiana Mental commercial health insurance payors to~~
~~increase reimbursement rates for Behavioral Health Crisis Services Centers Administration (BHCCs)(SAMHSA)~~
~~operating guidelines; under a Crisis Receiving Center (CRC) license.~~

and WHEREAS, the Louisiana goals Crisis of Response the System LA-CRS (LA-CRS) are to was support individuals
established with in mental 2022 illness as who have statewide been mental living health in crisis nursing
response facilities system transition aligned back with into the Substance community; Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration (SAMHSA) guidelines;

~~and WHEREAS, the goals of the LA-CRS are to support individuals with mental illness who have been living~~
~~in nursing facilities transition back into the community;~~

and WHEREAS, facilities licensed as Crisis Receiving Centers are the only facilities
authorized and staffed to offer both short-term, twenty-three-hour crisis stabilization services Page 1 of 3 ~~HLS~~
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105 ~~WHEREAS, ENROLLED facilities licensed as Crisis Receiving Centers are the only facilities~~
~~authorized and staffed to offer both short-term, twenty-three-hour crisis stabilization services~~
(Behavioral Health Crisis Centers) and longer-term, three through seven-day crisis care (CS) at the same location
for individuals requiring further stabilization;

and WHEREAS, Medicaid reimbursement rates for Behavioral Health Crisis Centers
providers operating under a Crisis Receiving Center license are inadequate to cover the cost ~~of the of the~~ twenty-
four-hour staffing model required by the required by the Louisiana Louisiana Department of Health and Health and
the additional staffing required to care for higher-acuity patients served by BHCC-CRCs;

and WHEREAS, an independent, ~~third-party third-party rate rate~~ analysis shows the total per diem cost for a
Crisis Receiving Center - licensed Behavioral Health Crisis Center to provide the first twenty-three
hours of care in compliance with state and federal regulatory staffing requirements is one thousand one
hundred sixty-three dollars, which includes costs for clinicians, nurses, licensed prescribers, peer
support specialists, and behavioral health technicians;

~~and WHEREAS, WHEREAS, other Crisis Receiving Centers have attempted to open in other regions other Crisis~~
~~Receiving Centers have attempted to open in other regions~~ of the state but have been unable to open or remain
viable due to inadequate Medicaid reimbursement rates.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana
Department of Health and Louisiana commercial health Page insurance 2 payors to increase reimbursement
rates to more accurately reflect the cost of 3 providing HLS crisis 26RS-3633 stabilization
ENGROSSED services HCR at NO. Behavioral Health Crisis Centers operating under a Crisis Receiving Center
license.

~~105 Page insurance 2 payors to increase reimbursement rates to more accurately reflect the cost of~~
~~providing 3 crisis HCR stabilization NO. services at Behavioral Health Crisis Centers operating under a~~
~~Crisis Receiving Center license.~~

105 ENROLLED BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of
the Louisiana Department of Health and the president of the Louisiana Association of Health Plans.

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~~legislative intent.~~

[R.S.

~~1:13(B) and 24:177(E)] HCR 105 Engrossed 2026 Regular Session Freiberg Requests the La.~~
~~Dept.~~

~~of Health and commercial health insurance payors to increase payments for crisis centers so that the~~
~~centers can operate more sustainably and expand access to mental health care.~~

