SUBJECT: Reaffirmation

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The following resolution composes the reaffirmation calendar for this meeting:

Resolution 204

Your Speakers recommend LSMS policy 150.01 be reaffirmed in lieu of resolution 204.

150.01 The LSMS supports a Medicaid program which achieves the following:
1. Provides access to quality and robust care to Medicaid recipients.
2. Ensures there are viable and effective mechanisms to provide health insurance coverage to low-income individuals and the disabled.
3. Provides reasonable and timely payments to physicians providing Medicaid services.
4. Supports Medicaid payment parity with Medicare for primary care services.
5. Relies on funding sources which are dedicated and stable thereby allowing the program to remain fiscally sound and sustainable even in times where the state of Louisiana is facing budget deficits.
6. Supports state efforts to expand their Medicaid programs, including increased flexibility through the waiver process and/or block grants.
7. Empowers Medicaid recipients to own their own healthcare and make decisions about their healthcare needs by utilizing co-payments and deductibles which are commensurate with reimbursement allowed under federal and state law.
8. Supports allowing states the option to provide private sector coverage to their non-disabled and non-elderly Medicaid beneficiaries, such as refundable and advanceable premium tax credits that can be used to purchase coverage with little to no cost-sharing.
9. Is privatized based on the principles contained in the LSMS Access to Better Care plan (ABC Plan) which calls for the following choices for patients: traditional insurance plans, managed care plans (HMO, PPO, etc.) benefit payment schedule plans, and purchasing pools to enable individuals to achieve group rate premiums.
10. Does not discriminate against any physician specialty.
11. Provides incentives such as small business tax breaks, limited malpractice caps, or other non-reimbursement incentives for physicians who accept Medicaid patients.
12. Provides complete financial transparency so that it can easily be determined if taxpayer dollars are being used in a manner which maximizes access to quality and robust care.

Authority Note: R107-13, reaffirmed as amended R204-17; reaffirmed R101-22