

AGENDA

House Committee on Health and Welfare

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Committee Room 5

1:00 p.m.

Chairman: Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Vice Chairman: Christopher Turner

Staff: Shayla Cockerm, attorney
Drew Murray, legislative analyst
Felicie Jackson, committee administrative assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

_____	HCR 12	MIGUEZ	HEALTH/LDH Suspends laws authorizing the La. Department of Health to enforce any restriction imposed on a business or individual through a gubernatorial proclamation during a state of public health emergency (Items #2 and #28)
_____	HCR 21	WHEAT	MEDICAID Requests the La. Dept. of Health to submit documentation to the federal Medicaid agency to provide financial relief for providers of services for people with developmental disabilities (Item #28)
_____	HR 1	ECHOLS	HEALTH CARE Requests a study of the costs and benefits of setting Medicaid reimbursement rates for primary care services equivalent to Medicare rates for those services
_____	HB 13	MCCORMICK	SCHOOLS Requires that any communication issued to students or parents relative to immunization requirements include information on exemptions from compliance with such requirements (Item #42)
_____	HB 33	EDMONDS	HEALTH CARE/FACILITIES Provides access for patients of hospitals and residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other adult residential care homes to members of the clergy who volunteer to minister and provide religious sacraments and services, counseling, and mental health support during COVID-19 and other public health emergencies (Item #28)

_____	HB 35	ECHOLS	TRANSPORTATION Authorizes transportation network companies to provide nonemergency medical transportation services through the state Medicaid program and all other publicly and privately issued health insurance plans (Item #32)
_____	HB 43	BACALA	NURSING HOMES Provides for rights of nursing home residents relative to visitation (Item #59)
_____	HB 49	MCCORMICK	PUBLIC HEALTH Provides for immunizations or vaccinations relative to COVID-19 (Item #40)
_____	HB 52	EDMONDS	PUBLIC HEALTH/OFFICE Requires regular reporting of the number of school-age children known to have an infectious disease during a public health emergency relating to the disease (Item #28)

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE ROOM 6 will be used as an overflow room.

Persons who do not feel comfortable giving testimony in person at this time may submit a prepared statement in accordance with House Rule 14:33 in lieu of appearing before the committee:

A. Any interested person or any committee member may file with the committee a prepared statement concerning a specific instrument or matter under consideration by the committee or concerning any matter within the committee's scope of authority, and the committee records shall reflect receipt of such statement and the date and time thereof.

B. Any person who files a prepared statement which contains data or statistical information shall include in such prepared statement sufficient information to identify the source of the data or statistical information. For the purposes of this paragraph the term "source" shall mean a publication, website, person, or other source from which the data or statistical information contained in the prepared statement was obtained by the person or persons who prepared the statement.

All persons desiring to participate in the meeting shall utilize appropriate protective health measures and observe the recommended and appropriate social distancing.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE SUBMIT A WITNESS CARD TO THE COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT BEFORE THE MEETING BEGINS IF YOU WANT TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.