

**RESOLUTION NO. JR-039-2025**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL AND THE LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL REQUESTING ASSISTANCE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ENGAGE AND NEGOTIATE WITH MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS TO ESTABLISH REIMBURSEMENT PATHWAYS FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORT DIRECTLY TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITIES**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council, that:

**WHEREAS**, Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government is embarking on a project in partnership with Acadian Ambulance aimed at improving care delivery for individuals with behavioral health and addiction disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, the initiative involves transporting patients directly to designated receiving facilities, thereby diverting the emergency department as the point of medical clearance; and

**WHEREAS**, under this model, medical clearance will be assessed at the scene by paramedics using a standardized risk assessment tool; and

**WHEREAS**, this approach is designed to streamline care, reduce unnecessary emergency department utilization, and connect patients more quickly to the specialized services they need reimbursement, which currently is limited to transports to emergency departments, leaving no mechanism of funding for direct transports to behavioral health receiving facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary challenge with this process is the current lack of reimbursement from Managed Care Organizations (MCOs).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council, that:

**SECTION 1:** All of the aforementioned “Whereas” clauses are adopted as part of this resolution.

**SECTION 2:** The Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council are requesting the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health’s assistance in engaging and negotiating with our state MCOs and other relevant providers to establish reimbursement pathways for this model, enabling transport reimbursement directly to appropriate receiving facilities thereby, connecting patients to the right level of care in the most efficient and clinically appropriate manner.

**SECTION 3:** All resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote on behalf of the Lafayette City Council thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote on behalf of the Lafayette Parish

Council thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Stansbury, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

  
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JOSEPH GORDON-WILTZ  
LAFAYETTE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL



## Internal Memorandum

Office of the Mayor President  
Office of the Mayor President (Route 1200)

**TO:** Rachel Godeaux

**DATE:** October 31, 2025

**FROM:** Christina Dayries

**SUBJECT:** A Joint Resolution of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council requesting assistance of the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health to engage and negotiate with managed care organizations to establish reimbursement pathways for ambulance transport directly to behavioral health facilities

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Please find attached a Resolution requesting assistance of the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health to engage and negotiate with managed care organizations to establish reimbursement pathways for ambulance transport directly to behavioral health facilities.

If you approve, please place this on the Council agenda to be introduced on November 18, 2025.

Please let me know if you should have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'C Dayries'.

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Christina Dayries  
*Chief of Staff*

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Attachments

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LAFAYETTE JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM

1) JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST: A Joint Resolution of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council requesting assistance of The Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health to engage and negotiate with managed care organizations to establish reimbursement pathways for ambulance transport directly to behavioral health facilities.

2) ACTION REQUESTED: Adoption of resolution

3) COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

4) REQUESTED ACTION OF COUNCIL:

A) INTRODUCTION: November 18, 2025

B) FINAL ADOPTION: ~~December 2, 2025~~ Nov 18, 2025 AS

5) DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:

A) Internal Memorandum (1 page)

B) Submittal (1 page)

C) Ordinance (2 pages)

6) FISCAL IMPACT:

Fiscal Impact

No Fiscal Impact

RECOMMENDED BY:



CHRISTINA DAYRIES  
CHIEF OF STAFF

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:



RACHEL GODEAUX  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER