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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Clay J. Schexnayder
Speaker of the House
Louisiana House of Representatives
Post Office Box 94062
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RE: Veto of House Bill 717 of the 2022 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Schexnayder:

Please allow this letter to inform you that I have vetoed House Bill 717 of the 2022 Regular Session.

This bill would potentially affect the preprint sent to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the hospital payment reform planned by the Louisiana Department of Health. Given the complexity of the changes in the payment system, planned to be effective for July 1, 2022, the changes in the bill would be best considered in the 2024 legislative session. The Louisiana Department of Health will work with the bill author to ensure these proposed changes are fully considered within the new payment methodology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards".

John Bel Edwards
Governor

enclosure

cc: Honorable Patrick Page Cortez
Louisiana Senate President