
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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HARRIS, FREEMAN, WARREN, McCLINTON AND DAWKINS, JUNE 24, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 24, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to increase the
2 Medicaid reimbursement rate for long-term care nursing
3 facilities in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Medicaid, which provides health coverage to millions
5 of Americans, including eligible low-income adults, older adults
6 and individuals with disabilities, is the primary payor for
7 long-term care services in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Medicaid accounts for one in six dollars spent in
9 the health care system, but more than 50% of long-term care
10 spending nationally; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 52,000 older Pennsylvanians and those with
12 disabilities, or almost two-thirds of long-term care nursing
13 facility residents, rely on Medicaid coverage of services
14 because of debilitating and chronic illnesses and conditions;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The average daily cost of a private room in a long-
17 term care nursing facility in this Commonwealth was \$333, or
18 \$121,363 annually, in 2018; and

1 WHEREAS, Medicaid is administered by the states according to
2 Federal requirements and is jointly funded by states and the
3 Federal government; and

4 WHEREAS, The amount of Federal payments to states for
5 services covered under Medicaid, also known as the Federal
6 Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), is based on the state's
7 average per capita income relative to the national average and
8 the state's multiplier; and

9 WHEREAS, For every dollar a state spends on Medicaid, the
10 Federal government matches it at a rate that varies from year to
11 year; and

12 WHEREAS, For fiscal year 2020, Pennsylvania's FMAP was 52.25%
13 with a multiplier of 1.09; and

14 WHEREAS, Some long-term care nursing facilities in this
15 Commonwealth have indicated they will soon be unable to offer
16 the same level of care and services if the Medicaid
17 reimbursement rate is not increased to meet the growing demand;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Over the past decade, the Medicaid reimbursement
20 rate has only risen about 4%, while costs for long-term care
21 nursing services have increased 7% in this Commonwealth; and

22 WHEREAS, As the population in this Commonwealth continues to
23 age, more individuals will need some form of long-term care
24 services in their lifetimes and most individuals and their
25 families are unable to cover the associated costs; therefore be
26 it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
28 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
29 States to increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate for long-term
30 care nursing facilities in Pennsylvania.