
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY RICHARDSON, KUKOVICH, CAWLEY AND PRESSMANN,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, OCTOBER 1, 1990

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Establishing a legislative bipartisan ad hoc committee to
2 examine ways to change the formula for Medicaid reimbursement
3 to reflect real hospital costs while guaranteeing access to
4 care, and committing the General Assembly to cooperating in a
5 national health care campaign.

6 WHEREAS, Over one million Pennsylvanians have no medical
7 insurance and over 50% of the medically indigent are employed
8 individuals and their dependents; and

9 WHEREAS, Currently Pennsylvania is taking the first step
10 toward providing health insurance to the uninsured; and

11 WHEREAS, Thousands of Pennsylvania citizens are losing even
12 the most limited access to health care because they have no
13 insurance; and

14 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth and business and labor are
15 grappling with skyrocketing health care costs that force health
16 insurance cutbacks; and

17 WHEREAS, Hospitals are facing the threat of bankruptcy
18 because they cannot cope with the growing numbers of uninsured
19 and underinsured patients; and

1 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania health care workers and the patients
2 they serve are bearing the brunt of rising costs, as the health
3 care delivery system attempts to cut costs by cutting services
4 and jobs; and

5 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has second to the lowest level of
6 Medicaid reimbursement rates in the nation, which further limits
7 the ability of poor citizens in this Commonwealth to have access
8 to adequate care; and

9 WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes its responsibility
10 to develop a comprehensive plan that will guarantee access to
11 health care for its citizens and stop the demise of health care
12 facilities in Pennsylvania; and

13 WHEREAS, Access to comprehensive health care is the moral
14 responsibility of government and the institutions it supports;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, State Medicaid expenditures are increasing and
17 swallowing a huge portion of the State budget, while the Federal
18 Government has cut funds to the states; and

19 WHEREAS, While a comprehensive national solution is
20 ultimately necessary to control costs and guarantee universal
21 access to care for all, there are actions that the Commonwealth
22 can take now to join the 10 other states considering state
23 universal health insurance plans; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
25 establish a legislative bipartisan ad hoc committee to examine
26 ways to immediately change the formula for Medicaid
27 reimbursement that will reflect real hospital costs while
28 guaranteeing access to care; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly work with mayors, county
30 executives, employers, labor unions and United States Senators

1 and Representatives to build a campaign for national health
2 care; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the committee make a report of its findings
4 and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than
5 November 1, 1990.