

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to pass Federal funds
2 on to states via block grants to be used for public welfare
3 and medical assistance purposes which would provide the
4 Commonwealth with the flexibility to manage and design the
5 programs for greater efficiencies in the delivery of care.

6 WHEREAS, The Medicaid program was created by the Social
7 Security Amendments of 1965, which added Title XIX to the Social
8 Security Act; and

9 WHEREAS, Title XIX allows states to administer the Medicaid
10 program while the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
11 (CMS) monitors and establishes requirements for delivery,
12 quality, funding and eligibility standards; and

13 WHEREAS, Medicaid spending increased more than 100% since
14 1979 and the Commonwealth spends more of its budget on Medicaid
15 than 48 other states, with 31.1% of the Commonwealth's total
16 expenditures utilized by Medicaid; and

17 WHEREAS, Medicaid costs represent 52% of the Department of
18 Public Welfare's budget while the department accounted for 42.8%
19 of the Commonwealth's overall budget; and

20 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has recently taken steps to control

1 Medicaid costs; and

2 WHEREAS, The only real way to provide cost-effective services
3 that meet the needs of residents is to be given complete freedom
4 from Federal regulations and control; and

5 WHEREAS, The growth in Medicaid and welfare entitlement will
6 never be controlled until Pennsylvania has the ability to manage
7 the programs and make the determinations regarding eligibility,
8 benefit level, entitlement, payment rates and financing
9 structures which will allow residents of this Commonwealth to
10 benefit from the programs; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Congress
12 of the United States to pass Federal funds on to states via
13 block grants to be used for public welfare and Medicaid
14 purposes; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
16 the President and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.