

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, OCTOBER 26, 2011

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and Highmark,  
2 Inc. to publicly commit to open and continuous health care  
3 access for Medicaid, Medicare and Children's Health Insurance  
4 Program recipients.

5 WHEREAS, The continuity of health care services is vital for  
6 the citizens of this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Health care services should not be interrupted for  
8 any citizen of this Commonwealth, especially children; and

9 WHEREAS, Medicaid, Medicare and Children's Health Insurance  
10 Program (CHIP) recipients need continued access to their current  
11 providers and should never be caught in the middle of disputes  
12 between providers and insurers; and

13 WHEREAS, The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)  
14 and Highmark, Inc. have made statements about these vulnerable  
15 groups not being affected regardless of the outcome of their  
16 contractual issues; therefore be it

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the  
2 University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and Highmark, Inc. to  
3 publicly commit to open and continued health care access for  
4 Medicaid, Medicare and Children's Health Insurance Program  
5 recipients; and be it further

6       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the  
7 University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and Highmark, Inc. to  
8 further commit to Medicaid, Medicare and Children's Health  
9 Insurance Program recipients paying in-network rates for health  
10 care.