
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY KITCHEN, COSTA, SABATINA, BREWSTER, TEPLITZ,
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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Social
2 Security Amendments of 1965 creating the Medicare and
3 Medicaid programs.

4 WHEREAS, The Social Security Amendments of 1965 created two
5 of the most prominent programs in our country's history,
6 Medicare and Medicaid; and

7 WHEREAS, The bill proposing the Social Security Amendments of
8 1965 was introduced to the Congress of the United States in
9 March 1965, and on July 30, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson
10 signed the bill enacting the Medicare and Medicaid programs into
11 law; and

12 WHEREAS, The purpose of these two programs is to provide
13 health care for elderly citizens over 65 years of age and for
14 citizens living in poverty; and

15 WHEREAS, At the time Medicare services began on July 1, 1966,
16 more than 19 million Americans over 65 years of age enrolled in
17 the program; and

1 WHEREAS, Over the years changes have been made to both
2 Medicare and Medicaid to include a broader base of individuals;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Medicare has expanded to include prescription drug
5 coverage, as well as a whole range of important health care
6 services; and

7 WHEREAS, Medicaid has expanded to include low-income
8 families, pregnant women, people of all ages with disabilities
9 and people who need long-term care; and

10 WHEREAS, Currently there are approximately 50 million
11 individuals enrolled in Medicare and 7 million individuals
12 enrolled in Medicaid in the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, More than two million individuals benefit from these
14 programs in this Commonwealth; and

15 WHEREAS, The creation of Medicare and Medicaid has had an
16 overwhelmingly positive effect on the well-being and care of our
17 fellow citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, The programs will continue to thrive in an age where
19 more and more people are beginning to experience the advantages
20 of obtaining health insurance; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the 50th anniversary of
22 the signing of the Social Security Amendments of 1965; and be it
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
25 the Department of Human Services which is responsible for
26 delivering services relative to these programs on behalf of the
27 residents of this Commonwealth.