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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS) has a
3 growing concern with how dental care is being provided and
4 monitored by managed care organizations (MCOs) to their two
5 million Medicaid enrollees; and

6 WHEREAS, The ISDS has recently submitted several FOIA
7 requests to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services
8 (DHFS) which have uncovered large gaps in basic dental care
9 data that MCOs are supposed to be providing; and

10 WHEREAS, Care coordination under current MCOs may work with
11 ancillary medical programs such as specialty care and
12 behavioral health, where physicians oversee global medical
13 issues, but dental care is quite different; and

14 WHEREAS, A true care coordination program established by
15 the MCO with their dental administrator would ensure that
16 pregnant women have access to the additional cleanings and
17 periodontal services; a true care coordination program would
18 have the MCO sharing information with the dental administrator
19 on patients that are diabetic, none of which are occurring; and

20 WHEREAS, Current MCO contracts with DHFS require
21 systematic monitoring and evaluation for ancillary services,

1 including dental services, and for the MCO to provide a written
2 Quality Assurance Plan to DHFS, along with guidelines for their
3 dental services; additionally, the MCO contract with DHFS
4 requires utilization reporting for dental benefits and ongoing
5 evaluation of continuity of care, access, and utilization,
6 including appropriate linkage between medical and dental
7 coordination none of which is taking place; and

8 WHEREAS, DHFS has adopted 20 HEDIS (Healthcare
9 Effectiveness Data and Information Set) quality measurements
10 to monitor care provided by the MCOs; none of these metrics
11 look at the quality of dental care provided to Medicaid
12 enrollees; and

13 WHEREAS, ISDS believes that dental care should not be
14 included under the MCOs, but that dental administrators should
15 be able to directly contract with DHFS; this would allow DHFS
16 to have direct oversight of the programs that provide dental
17 care to the two million Medicaid enrollees in Illinois; and

18 WHEREAS, There is now a new request for proposal (RFP) that
19 would expand the existing coverage model using medical MCOs for
20 up to 80% of the State's Medicaid population with none of the
21 concerns for dental care being addressed; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we strongly recommend and urge Governor
3 Rauner to instruct the Director of the Department of Healthcare
4 and Family Services, Felicia Norwood, to issue an amendment to
5 the current request for proposal separating out dental care for
6 Medicaid eligible recipients into separate stand-alone dental
7 administrators; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That this will provide better dental care,
9 increase utilization, control costs, and decrease tooth and gum
10 decay and the suffering prevalent with this population; and be
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That adult preventive services should be
13 included and reimbursed at a reasonable level as a key part of
14 this new dental RFP; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
16 delivered to the Governor and the Director of Healthcare and
17 Family Services.