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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Currently, the State of Illinois and the federal
3 government do not allow licensed professional counselors
4 (LPCs) and licensed social workers (LSWs) to bill
5 Medicare/Medicaid; and

6 WHEREAS, LPCs and LSWs are not fully licensed clinicians
7 but are working towards being fully licensed; and

8 WHEREAS, LPCs and LSWs are required to meet for
9 supervision/consultation with a licensed clinical professional
10 counselor (LCPC) or a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW)
11 for a minimum of one hour per week; and

12 WHEREAS, After criteria for full licensure has been met,
13 including meeting direct client/patient clinical hours,
14 supervision, and the successful completion of the state and
15 national exams, LPCs become LCPCs, LSWs become LCSWS, and
16 billing for Medicaid/Medicare becomes a privilege; and

17 WHEREAS, The lengthy process to full licensure deters
18 access to quality mental health services to many vulnerable
19 and marginalized populations; and

20 WHEREAS, This process limits and complicates staffing for

1 agencies already experiencing shortages of mental health
2 professionals; and

3 WHEREAS, LPCs and LSWs are qualified to provide counseling
4 services and should be allowed to bill Medicare/Medicaid for
5 their work along with the consideration they are still being
6 properly supervised by a fully licensed provider; therefore,
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we urge our fellow Illinois lawmakers and the federal
11 government to allow LPCs and LSWs to bill Medicare/Medicaid;
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
14 delivered to the President of the United States, the Vice
15 President of the United States, the entire Illinois
16 Congressional Delegation, Governor JB Pritzker, and all
17 members of the Illinois General Assembly.