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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Adults living with autism have historically
3 experienced difficulties accessing proper and responsive
4 medical care; and

5 WHEREAS, As medicine has improved in providing diagnoses
6 for people with autism, there has been an increasing number of
7 adults with autism who have health care provided through
8 Medicaid; and

9 WHEREAS, As children on the autism spectrum become
10 autistic adults, Medicaid is an important insurance provider
11 for an increasing number of autistic adults and can be a
12 valuable resource for understanding the health of the autistic
13 population; and

14 WHEREAS, It is critical to the health of people living
15 with autism and to policymakers to understand barriers to care
16 for adults with autism in the provision of Medicaid; and

17 WHEREAS, The Department of Healthcare and Family Services
18 (HFS) operates the Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) to advise
19 the department on policy and planning in the provision of
20 medical assistance; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 the Medicaid Advisory Committee is urged to examine and make
4 recommendations that will expand the network of Medicaid
5 enrolled specialty providers for persons with autism and is
6 urged to assess the following, consulting with relevant
7 stakeholders with lived experience and provider experts:

8 (1) Strategies to improve access for adult Medicaid
9 customers experiencing autism to specialty providers,
10 including, but not limited to, dentists,
11 anesthesiologists, phlebotomists, and occupational
12 therapists; and

13 (2) Ways to improve provider services under the Adults
14 with Developmental Disabilities Waiver; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Medicaid Advisory Committee is urged to
16 produce a strategic plan for improving access to health care
17 services for people with Autism by December 31, 2025 that will
18 include stakeholder input from the following:

19 (1) One representative of the Department of Healthcare
20 and Family Services;

21 (2) One representative of the Department of Human
22 Services;

23 (3) One representative of the Department of Insurance;

24 (4) One representative of the Children's Behavioral
25 Health Transformation Initiative;

1 (5) One representative from the Illinois Council on
2 Developmental Disabilities;

3 (6) One representative of the Illinois State Board of
4 Education and/or an educator who specializes in working
5 with children with Autism;

6 (7) Two parent advocates of persons with disabilities;

7 (8) At least one representative of each of the
8 following provider groups:

9 (a) Dental care;

10 (b) Primary care;

11 (c) Behavioral Health; and

12 (d) Occupation, Speech, and Physical Therapy;

13 (9) At least four representatives of non-profit
14 entities representing people with disabilities, including
15 at least two representatives of rural areas and two
16 representatives of Cook and collar counties;

17 (10) One representative of an advocacy organization
18 focused on residents of Illinois SODCs, ICF-DDs; and

19 (11) One current employee of a Community Integrated
20 Living Arrangement; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Medicaid Advisory Committee is urged to
22 submit progress reports to the Governor and Illinois General
23 Assembly by December 31 2024 and June 30, 2025 and a final
24 report and strategic plan with measurable objectives to the
25 Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2025; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That the Department of Healthcare and Family
3 Services is urged to provide administrative support to assist
4 the Medicaid Advisory Committee in carrying out its duties.