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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Governor Pat Quinn has proposed reductions in the
3 amount of benefits or services provided under the medical
4 assistance (Medicaid) program under the Illinois Public Aid
5 Code; and

6 WHEREAS, The Governor's proposal will amount to a \$2
7 billion cut in projected spending under the Medicaid program,
8 or about 18% of the current Medicaid budget; and

9 WHEREAS, According to a recent report, Medicaid is the
10 primary payer of care for more than 60% of Illinois nursing
11 home residents, or about 47,000 elderly or disabled
12 Illinoisans; and

13 WHEREAS, The Governor's proposed cuts will mean that many
14 current Medicaid recipients will not be able to obtain needed
15 medications or important healthcare services; and

16 WHEREAS, This inability to obtain needed medications or
17 important healthcare services will likely lead to more severe
18 medical problems, or even death, for the affected individuals,
19 thus possibly resulting in even higher costs to the State;
20 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 before the House of Representatives votes on third reading on
4 any bill that will reduce the amount of benefits or services
5 provided under the medical assistance (Medicaid) program under
6 the Illinois Public Aid Code as proposed by the Governor, the
7 Governor shall file with the Clerk of the House of
8 Representatives a report that analyzes the impact of the
9 proposed reductions according to the race, gender, and age of
10 affected Medicaid recipients and the impact on hospitals and on
11 healthcare providers and that explains the expected long-term
12 impact and short-term benefits of the proposed reductions and
13 how the proposed reductions could impact employment in
14 Illinois; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives
16 shall make the Governor's report available to each member of
17 the House of Representatives; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be
19 delivered to Governor Pat Quinn.