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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois currently has 98,353
3 Medicare eligible retired state employees, teachers, and
4 community college employees who participate in a State health
5 insurance plan; and

6 WHEREAS, Beginning February 1, 2014, all participating
7 members currently eligible for Medicare must participate in a
8 Medicare Advantage health insurance plan instead of their
9 previous health insurance plan; and

10 WHEREAS, Due to changing health insurance plans, certain
11 circumstances may force individuals to modify their current
12 health care providers or face increased obstacles to continue
13 with current providers; and

14 WHEREAS, Individuals have often cultivated relationships
15 over many years with their current medical professionals; and

16 WHEREAS, The relationship between an individual and his or
17 her doctor often includes knowledge of past treatments, a
18 history of that individual's condition, and a level of trust
19 developed over many years; and

20 WHEREAS, A disruption in such a relationship between an

1 individual and his or her doctor can be detrimental, especially
2 to the State's elderly population; and

3 WHEREAS, Such changes can cause members to no longer
4 receive necessary medical procedures, medications, or medical
5 devices in a timely manner; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we urge the members of this body to give further consideration
9 to allowing Medicare eligible members who participate in a
10 State health insurance plan to remain in a Quality Care Health
11 Plan rather than automatically being enrolled in a Medicare
12 Advantage plan, to assure there will be no disruption in the
13 healthcare relationships such members have previously
14 established or in the receipt of necessary medical procedures,
15 medications, and/or medical devices; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we urge the Department of Central Management
17 Services to continue to work with members to aid in the best
18 possible transition to a new health insurance plan as long as
19 such a change is required; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 delivered to the Department of Central Management Services.