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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 232

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Resolution 232 by replacing
3 everything after the heading with the following:

4 "WHEREAS, Due to federal health care reform, an integrated
5 care pilot program in Northern Illinois, and statewide Medicaid
6 reform, a managed care approach to providing Medicaid coverage
7 is no longer up for debate making Medicaid managed care a
8 reality in Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, Managed care has proven a sometimes inefficient
10 provider of health care coverage especially for long-term care
11 and those individuals - typically the elderly or people with
12 disabilities - receiving it; and

13 WHEREAS, Illinois' pilot program and the recent Medicaid
14 reform law make it mandatory for managed care to provide the
15 services expected in a long-term care setting, which is a

1 potentially risky scenario for those receiving these kinds of
2 services; and

3 WHEREAS, A number of other states have discontinued managed
4 care for people with disabilities and the elderly, including
5 California which found it more cost-effective not to utilize
6 managed care after an extensive overhaul of the state's health
7 care program; and

8 WHEREAS, Illinois is setting forth on this venture with two
9 for-profit managed care organizations under contract, while
10 not exploring other entities to provide quality care, such as
11 not-for-profit organizations; and

12 WHEREAS, The Institute on Disability and Human Development
13 at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) is overseeing
14 the consumer satisfaction levels and the managed care
15 organizations' competency for the test population in the pilot
16 program; nonetheless, only an estimated 40,000 individuals
17 with disabilities are in the pilot program area and targeted to
18 receive services; as Illinois Medicaid reform and federal
19 health care reform become the norm for Medicaid recipients in
20 this State, a conservative estimate is that 2.4 million people
21 currently receive Medicaid, and approximately 1.2 million
22 people - or 50% of the Medicaid population - under that program
23 will move into a managed care system, as mandated by the

1 Illinois Medicaid reform law; this increased number will not
2 receive monitoring from UIC and, possibly, will not receive the
3 adequate follow-up, thereby, leaving them more susceptible to
4 fraudulent practices, abuse, neglect, and insufficient care
5 through providers and the managed care organizations; as
6 Illinois moves toward transitioning 50% of the Medicaid
7 population to a managed care system, as with the pilot program,
8 no other plans except those involving for-profit managed care
9 organizations are presently receiving serious discussion;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 there is created in the Department of Healthcare and Family
14 Services the Medicaid Managed Care Oversight Task Force to
15 monitor how Illinois approaches and manages a new form of
16 health care delivery system based on a managed care model,
17 particularly for people with disabilities and the elderly; and
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the
20 following: (i) 3 members, appointed by the Speaker of the
21 Illinois House of Representatives; (ii) 3 members, appointed by
22 the Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives;
23 and (iii) 4 members, appointed by the Governor; the Task Force
24 shall elect a chairperson from their membership; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall serve
3 without compensation; the Department of Healthcare and Family
4 Services shall facilitate the Task Force and provide the Task
5 Force with administrative support, but shall have no hand in
6 guiding its direction or ascertaining its results; the Task
7 Force shall meet quarterly and report on its findings to the
8 General Assembly and its appropriate committees; reports from
9 the Task Force shall indicate (i) whether individuals within
10 the pilot program and the intended 50% of Medicaid recipients
11 transitioned into managed care are satisfied with their health
12 outcomes, can access all necessary forms of medical care, and
13 received all necessary information from the State and the
14 Department regarding the changes to their health care delivery
15 system; and (ii) any other satisfaction indicators deemed
16 applicable by the Task Force, especially with the knowledge of
17 how UIC conducted satisfaction surveys; the Task Force's life
18 span shall continue until January 1, 2017, unless the General
19 Assembly deems a longer tenure necessary, as that date would
20 mark the two-year anniversary of the transition of Medicaid
21 enrollees into managed care programs, as mandated by the newly
22 enacted Medicaid reform law in Illinois; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That upon receiving reports from the Task Force,
24 the General Assembly and all appropriate committees therein

1 must take the necessary steps to ensure all individuals
2 receiving health care through a managed care delivery system
3 are satisfied with that care and are not receiving worse care
4 as a result; if the General Assembly finds negative outcomes
5 per reports from the Task Force, it should amend the process by
6 which managed care is put to use for Medicaid recipients,
7 especially for people with disabilities and the elderly, and
8 further, if the reports are positive or neutral, the General
9 Assembly should decide whether to continue monitoring the
10 program for a set period to ensure that all recipients receive
11 the best quality health care available to them under a managed
12 care process; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That as changes to health care delivery improve
14 or changes come to pass based on new laws passed by the State
15 or federal government, the General Assembly must decide if
16 continuing the use of the managed care approach is the most
17 appropriate, cost-effective, and beneficial means in providing
18 health care to Medicaid recipients in Illinois; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 delivered to the Governor and to the Director of the Department
22 of Healthcare and Family Services."