

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123

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3 A Resolution urging the centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
4 of the United States department of health and human  
5 services to approve the Medicaid state plan amendment  
6 to increase Medicaid provider reimbursements.

7 WHEREAS, the Medical Assistance Crisis Intervention  
8 Team (MACIT) in its 2004 final report found that the  
9 Iowa Medicaid program is of high quality and ranks  
10 sixth best in the nation; and

11 WHEREAS, MACIT also found that the majority of Iowa  
12 Medicaid providers had not received increases in  
13 reimbursement in several years and that reductions in  
14 reimbursement would potentially harm the fragile  
15 service delivery infrastructure in rural and urban  
16 areas; and

17 WHEREAS, MACIT recommended against reductions in  
18 provider reimbursements which would have a serious  
19 negative impact on the access to quality care and the  
20 economic infrastructure in Iowa's towns and cities;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, providing adequate reimbursement to Iowa  
23 Medicaid providers allows for investment in the  
24 healthcare workforce, new healthcare technologies, and  
25 programs to promote access to necessary healthcare for  
26 the uninsured; and

27 WHEREAS, the 2005 Session of the 81st Iowa General  
28 Assembly enacted legislation to increase the majority  
29 of Medicaid provider reimbursement rates by 3 percent  
30 beginning July 1, 2005; and

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1 WHEREAS, the centers for Medicare and Medicaid of  
2 the United States department of health and human  
3 services has not yet approved Iowa's Medicaid state  
4 plan amendment to increase these reimbursement rates;  
5 NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
7 That the House of Representatives requests that the  
8 centers for Medicare and Medicaid of the United States  
9 department of health and human services approve the  
10 state plan amendment to increase Iowa Medicaid  
11 provider reimbursement rates; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the members of the  
13 Iowa congressional delegation be provided with a copy  
14 of this Resolution and be encouraged to support  
15 efforts to finalize approval of the state plan  
16 amendment.

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