

RESOLUTION

Implement Medicaid payments for dental services

A RESOLUTION TO: Include dental services for all Medicaid qualified senior citizens.

WHEREAS, Infected teeth and gums can cause stomach and other problems, and missing teeth and mouth infections keep seniors from going shopping and attending exercise classes because they do not desire to be seen; and

WHEREAS, Healthy teeth and proper fitting dentures are vital in the absorption and digestion of food, resulting in better health; and

WHEREAS, Access to dental service can be cost-prohibitive for many seniors; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the 11th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 80th Texas Legislature pass a concurrent resolution urging the Texas Congressional delegation to support the inclusion of dental services for all Medicaid qualified senior citizens.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of September, 2006, by the Health & Human Resources Committee.

Glen Provost, Chair

ASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of September, 2006, by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

Carlos Higgins, Secretary