

RESOLUTION

Expand the Medicaid Program to include payments for Medicaid qualified persons residing in assisted living facilities.

A RESOLUTION TO: Request that the Texas Legislature pass a concurrent resolution requesting that the Texas Congressional delegation actively support the expansion of the Federal Medicaid Program to include payment of residential expenses of Medicaid qualified persons residing in assisted living facilities.

WHEREAS, There are many senior citizens in this State who reside in their homes or other housing, who require professional assistance with their daily activities of living, but because of financial limitations cannot afford to obtain this professional assistance; and,

WHEREAS, The current Medicaid program in this State provides financial assistance only for those eligible seniors who have a higher acuity of health care problems and therefore must reside in a long term care, nursing home setting; and

WHEREAS, The number of low-income seniors who need professional personal care assistance in order to appropriately function is increasing on an exponential basis in this State, necessitating that our State governmental authorities fully address the needs of Texas low-income seniors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 11th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature recommends that the 80th Session of the Texas Legislature pass a concurrent resolution requesting that the Texas Congressional delegation actively support the expansion of the Federal Medicaid Program to include payment for residential expenses of Medicaid qualified persons residing in assisted living facilities.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of September, 2006, by the Health and Human Resources Committee.

Glen Provost, Chair

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

Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

Carlos Higgins, Secretary