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Committee: Health & Human Resources

RESOLUTION
Cover Four Prescriptions, not Three for Medicaid Patients

A RESOLUTION to support senior citizens on a fixed income for Social Security who are Medicaid recipients in the State of Texas receiving three prescriptions per month to increase it to four per month.

WHEREAS, Although entering their golden years, senior citizens continue to live productive lives and have been invaluable contributors to this country; and

WHEREAS, Due to their age, senior citizens are also those individuals who are most likely to be prescribed multiple medications which are very expensive; and

WHEREAS, Quite often the cost of these prescriptions can exceed the amount of their income to where they either have very little or nothing left to buy food, forcing them to make a choice, which seriously affects their health; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Medicaid be required to cover each patient over the age of 65 a minimum of four prescriptions per month in the State of Texas; and that the 78th Texas Legislature consider this increase for senior citizens in the State of Texas who are Medicaid recipients.

PASSED AND APPROVED on September 16, 2002, by the Health & Human Resources Committee.

Franklin D. Knotts, Chairman

PASSED AND APPROVED on September 17, 2002, by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Chris Kyker, Speaker

ATTEST:

Jean McCloud, Secretary