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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS) has a  
3 growing concern with how dental care is being provided and  
4 monitored by managed care organizations (MCOs) to their two  
5 million Medicaid enrollees; and

6           WHEREAS, The ISDS has recently submitted several FOIA  
7 requests to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
8 (DHFS) which have uncovered large gaps in basic dental care  
9 data that MCOs are supposed to be providing; and

10           WHEREAS, Care coordination under current MCOs may work with  
11 ancillary medical programs such as specialty care and  
12 behavioral health, where physicians oversee global medical  
13 issues, but dental care is quite different; and

14           WHEREAS, A true care coordination program established by  
15 the MCO with their dental administrator would ensure that  
16 pregnant women have access to the additional cleanings and  
17 periodontal services; a true care coordination program would  
18 have the MCO sharing information with the dental administrator  
19 on patients that are diabetic, none of which are occurring; and

20           WHEREAS, Current MCO contracts with DHFS require  
21 systematic monitoring and evaluation for ancillary services,

1 including dental services, and for the MCO to provide a written  
2 Quality Assurance Plan to DHFS, along with guidelines for their  
3 dental services; additionally, the MCO contract with DHFS  
4 requires utilization reporting for dental benefits and ongoing  
5 evaluation of continuity of care, access, and utilization,  
6 including appropriate linkage between medical and dental  
7 coordination none of which is taking place; and

8 WHEREAS, DHFS has adopted 20 HEDIS (Healthcare  
9 Effectiveness Data and Information Set) quality measurements  
10 to monitor care provided by the MCOs; none of these metrics  
11 look at the quality of dental care provided to Medicaid  
12 enrollees; and

13 WHEREAS, ISDS believes that dental care should not be  
14 included under the MCOs, but that dental administrators should  
15 be able to directly contract with DHFS; this would allow DHFS  
16 to have direct oversight of the programs that provide dental  
17 care to the two million Medicaid enrollees in Illinois; and

18 WHEREAS, There is now a new request for proposal (RFP) that  
19 would expand the existing coverage model using medical MCOs for  
20 up to 80% of the State's Medicaid population with none of the  
21 concerns for dental care being addressed; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we strongly recommend  
2 and urge Governor Rauner to instruct the Director of the  
3 Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Felicia Norwood,  
4 to issue an amendment to the current request for proposal  
5 separating out dental care for Medicaid eligible recipients  
6 into separate stand-alone dental administrators; and be it  
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That this will provide better dental care,  
9 increase utilization, control costs, and decrease tooth and gum  
10 decay and the suffering prevalent with this population; and be  
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That adult preventive services should be  
13 included and reimbursed at a reasonable level as a key part of  
14 this new dental RFP; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
16 delivered to the Governor and the Director of Healthcare and  
17 Family Services.