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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Department of Healthcare and Family Services ("Department") administers the medical assistance ("Medicaid") program under the Illinois Public Aid Code; and

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WHEREAS, The Medicaid program provides coverage of nursing home and other healthcare expenses for low-income persons; and

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WHEREAS, Under the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Department has the authority, in certain circumstances, to file claims against the estates of deceased Medicaid recipients for amounts expended on a recipient's behalf under the Medicaid program; and

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WHEREAS, If the deceased recipient was a nursing home resident for a substantial period of time, a claim may amount to many thousands of dollars, which can be quite a shock to the recipient's heirs, executor, and/or administrator; and

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WHEREAS, Because of the passage of time, there may be no way to verify the correctness of some items comprising the claim and the executor or administrator may have legitimate concerns about his or her liability for approving such items; therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3           the Department of Healthcare and Family Services examine the  
4           methods by which a recipient, or his or her designee, while  
5           still living, can be provided with timely notice of each item  
6           of goods or services provided to the recipient under the  
7           medical assistance program, including in the notice at least  
8           the following: (i) a description of the item; (ii) the date the  
9           item was provided; (iii) the name and address of the vendor  
10          providing the item; and (iv) the cost of the item; and be it  
11          further

12          RESOLVED, That the Department of Healthcare and Family  
13          Services report its findings and recommendations to the House  
14          of Representatives; and be it further

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