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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State Employees Group Insurance Program
3 provides medical, dental, vision, and life insurance coverage
4 to State employees, retirees, and their dependents; and

5 WHEREAS, Medical coverage is provided to members through a
6 choice of coverage, including the Quality Care Health Plan
7 (QCHP), HMO managed care plans, and the Open Access Plan (OAP);
8 and

9 WHEREAS, In April of 2011, the State announced the intent
10 to award contracts to offer HMO coverage through two HMO plans
11 operated by BlueCross Blue Shield and for the Open Access Plan
12 to be administered by Health Link OAP and Personal Care OAP;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, 115,000 state employees, their dependents, and
15 retirees enrolled in other plans, including Health Alliance and
16 Humana, will have to select another insurance plan during the
17 benefit choice period, which usually occurs from May 1st
18 through May 31st; and

WHEREAS, The procurement for vendors to administer health benefits is the subject of an official protest; the State's chief procurement officer was quoted on May 4, 2011 that

1 decisions on the protests are "still weeks away"; and

2 WHEREAS, Concerns have been raised in the protest that the
3 procurement process used to select new vendors did not
4 adequately examine the extent to which vendors selected will be
5 able to provide prompt and comprehensive care to all current
6 enrollees or the true cost savings of the new contracts; and

7 WHEREAS, The chief executive officer of Health Alliance has
8 indicated that Health Alliance hopes that the Commission on
9 Government Forecasting and Accountability (COGFA) will require
10 all of the managed care contracts to be rebid and that Health
11 Alliance plans to challenge any denial of its protest in
12 Circuit Court; and

13 WHEREAS, The timeline for the final selection of vendors to
14 administer the State Employee Group Insurance Program will be
15 extended by the pending protest, COGFA review, and legal
16 action; and

17 WHEREAS, Until a final selection of vendors is made,
18 enrollees will not be able to choose a plan based on
19 maintaining access to providers; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we urge the Department of Central Management Services to extend
2 the benefit choice period to allow open enrollment in a health
3 plan until a date no earlier than September 1, 2011 that occurs
4 after the resolution of all pending protests, COGFA action,
5 legal proceedings, or audits of the procurement process used to
6 select plan administrators; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we urge the Department of Central Management
8 Services to extend current HMO and OAP contracts until the end
9 of the extended benefit choice period to ensure continuity of
10 care for current enrollees; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the Director of Central Management Services.