

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Medicaid is a program jointly funded by the
3 federal and state governments to provide health insurance
4 coverage to needy citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, Medicaid is the nation's major public insurance
6 program for providing health and long term care coverage to
7 millions of low-income citizens including newly eligible
8 populations to whom the State of Illinois has recently
9 expended benefits; and

10 WHEREAS, Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP)
11 are used in determining the amount of federal matching funds
12 for state expenditures associated with the Medicaid programs;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, FMAP rates vary from state to state with some
15 states receiving matching rates as high as 83 percent, while
16 Illinois receives only the minimum FMAP rate of 50 percent;
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18 WHEREAS, Increasing the FMAP rate in Illinois to 55
19 percent would result in an increase of \$430 million in
20 federal funding; and

21 WHEREAS, The National Governors Association supports
22 proposals to increase the FMAP rate as an economic stimulus
23 option that would provide more funding for state Medicaid
24 programs; and

25 WHEREAS, Without a FMAP rate increase, taxpayers may be
26 called upon to further fund the Medicaid program in this time
27 of economic need; and

28 WHEREAS, The FMAP rate for Illinois does not adequately
29 reflect the increasing population of Medicaid recipients in
30 Illinois; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
3 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we support and urge efforts by
4 the United States Congress and the President of the United
5 States to provide an increase in the FMAP rate for Illinois
6 to more adequately reflect the population of Medicaid
7 recipients in Illinois; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 delivered to each member of the Illinois Congressional
10 delegation, the Speaker of the United States House of
11 Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States
12 Senate, and the President of the United States.