



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Department of Central Management Services has
3 decided to eliminate Health Alliance Medical Plans as a managed
4 care plan option for State employees and some State retirees
5 beginning in Fiscal Year 2005; and

6 WHEREAS, State government is Health Alliance's largest
7 client and 90,000 downstate residents are covered by Health
8 Alliance's HMO as a result of its contract with the State; and

9 WHEREAS, Developing a long-term relationship with a
10 trusted family physician can greatly improve the quality of
11 health care; however, as a result of this action by the
12 Department of Central Management Services, some State
13 employees who wish to remain in an HMO will not be able to keep
14 their current primary physician, thereby disrupting the
15 continuity of care for those employees and their families; and

16 WHEREAS, Job preservation is a high priority for the State
17 of Illinois; because Health Alliance is headquartered in
18 downstate Illinois, the enrollment of State employees with
19 Health Alliance provides jobs to downstate Illinois residents;
20 any movement of State employees to other managed care plans
21 headquartered elsewhere could have the effect of moving jobs
22 elsewhere; and

23 WHEREAS, All of the consequences of the action taken by the
24 Department of Central Management Services should be fully
25 considered in determining whether that action is in the best
26 interests of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
28 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
29 urge the Department of Central Management Services to
30 reconsider its decision to eliminate Health Alliance as a

1 managed care plan option for State employees and some State
2 retirees beginning in Fiscal Year 2005; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to
4 Michael M. Rumman, the Director of Central Management Services.