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House of Representatives, March 8, 2011

Resolve, Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services To Conduct a Review of Medicaid "Any Willing Provider" Requirements

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative STUCKEY of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and Representatives: FOSSEL of Alna, SANBORN of Gorham, Senator: KATZ of Kennebec. **Sec. 1. Review. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall conduct a review of "any willing provider" requirements within the Medicaid program to evaluate the impact of those requirements on health outcomes, quality of care, geographic need for services and the cost of care. The department shall seek input from health care provider groups and health care consumer groups in conducting its evaluation and shall evaluate the methods used by other states to implement "any willing provider" requirements for comparison with implementation methods in this State; and be it further

- 8 Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services 9 shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by 10 December 1, 2011 that includes:
- 11 1. An itemization of federal "any willing provider" laws;
- Provisions of the laws of this State and rules of the department that implement
   federal requirements;
- 14 3. An analysis of methods used in other states to implement federal requirements;15 and
- 4. Recommendations for changes in the laws of this State and rules of the department
  to give the State more authority to regulate for positive health outcomes, quality of care,
  meeting geographic need for services and controlling care costs.
- 19 SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a review of "any willing provider" laws under the federal Medicaid program and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services the results of its review and recommendations for changes in the laws of this State and rules of the department to give the State more authority to regulate for positive health outcomes, quality of care, meeting geographic needs and controlling costs.