
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ENSURE THAT THE
CURRENT RESIDENTIAL ALTERNATIVE COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM
MODEL IS NOT DISMANTLED WITH THE PROPOSED QUEST EXPANDED
ACCESS PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, in 1998, the State, through the use of case
2 management agencies (CMAs), successfully expanded the
3 Residential Alternative Community Care Program (RACC Program) to
4 serve nursing facility level of care consumers in community care
5 foster family homes; and
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7 WHEREAS, from 1998 through February 2005, licensed CMAs
8 developed over 800 community care foster family homes, presently
9 serving over 1,200 nursing facility level of care consumers; and
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11 WHEREAS, the RACC Program consists of a licensed CMA,
12 coupled with a community care foster family home, to provide
13 high-quality care at a significant cost savings to the State;
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16 WHEREAS, consumers served in community care foster family
17 homes benefit from the ongoing relationship developed between
18 foster family homes and the CMA; and
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20 WHEREAS, as a result of the RACC Program, various small
21 businesses that positively contribute to the local economy were
22 developed to serve Hawaii's aging population; and
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24 WHEREAS, consumers benefit from having a choice of CMAs;
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27 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services (DHS) has
28 proposed QUEST Expanded Access to serve the aged, blind, and
29 disabled population through a Medicaid health maintenance



1 organization, and now the RACC Program is at risk of being
2 dismantled; and

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4 WHEREAS, preliminary discussions with DHS indicate that DHS
5 intends to allow a managing agency to also employ case managers,
6 thereby allowing an inherent conflict of interest to exist when
7 the payer of Medicaid services is also the provider of that
8 service; and

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10 WHEREAS, the State recognizes the unique model of the RACC
11 Program, which has maximized the strengths of the local culture
12 and which is at risk of being exploited by national corporate
13 takeover; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
17 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that DHS is requested to ensure
18 that the current RACC Program model is not dismantled in the
19 transition to QUEST Expanded Access; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports the
22 preservation of the current RACC Program, which uses CMAs
23 coupled with a community care foster family home, to create a
24 nursing facility level of care choice for consumers who prefer
25 residential alternatives to nursing home care; and

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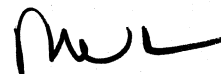
27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human
29 Services.

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