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Monday, March 02, 2009, 9:00 am, Conference Room 329

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Re: HCR 34 Medicare Reimbursements

Chairs & Committee Members:

Hawaii Medical Association strongly supports this resolution. Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements to Hawaii physicians are not sufficient to cover the ever-increasing costs of providing care. Raising the fee schedule is one of the steps that may help alleviate the access to care problems for the Medicare and Medicaid patient population.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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NOTICE OF HEARINGDATE: Monday, March 02, 2009  
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## HCR 34

REQUESTING CONGRESS TO RAISE MEDICARE FEE SCHEDULE PAYMENT  
AMOUNTS FOR PHYSICIANS RENDERING SERVICES IN HAWAII.

Good Morning Chairs Mizuno and Yamane and members of these committees.

I am Reverend Sam Domingo and I am the Chair of the Healthcare Committee  
for FACE, (Faith Action for Community Equity). WE SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION.F.A.C.E., as a faith-based community grassroots organization, believes that all  
the citizens of the State of Hawaii should have access to quality education, affordable  
homes, and **access to quality healthcare**. FACE believes that the main impact on  
the crisis in the access and delivery of healthcare to Hawaii's people, regardless of  
their socio-economic status, is rooted in the insufficient Medicare and Medicaid  
reimbursements to our Physicians and all providers. We are hearing from our  
members that this crisis is having a profound effect on their families, employers and  
employees.LATE  
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Hawaii has always been known as ***The Health State*** and now finds itself in the midst of growing uninsured, limited access to care, inadequate reimbursements to hospitals, physicians and other providers. Also our public and private hospitals are on the brink of financial insolvency and our rural areas are becoming increasingly underserved and there is an ongoing growing loss of our physician population.

F.A.C.E. as a faith-based community grassroots organization believes that the Citizens of the State of Hawaii should all have access to quality education, affordable homes and healthy living ***with access to quality healthcare and our hospitals, physicians and other providers must be adequately reimbursed.*** This resolution will request cooperation and assistance from our Congressional Delegation and the Federal Government.

Thank you.



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**Testimony Supporting HCR 34**  
REQUESTING CONGRESS TO RAISE MEDICARE FEE SCHEDULE PAYMENT  
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Testimony By:  
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HCR 34.

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Corporate Board of Directors, we strongly support this proposed legislation.

Respectively yours,  
Thomas M. Driskill, Jr.