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TO: The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair
House Committee on Human Services

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **H.C.R. 159/H.R. 123 – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE STATE’S
COMPLIANCE WITH THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND
AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WITH EMPHASIS ON MEDICAID
PROGRAM INTEGRITY**

Hearing: Thursday, March 29, 2012; 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of these resolutions is bill is to request the Department of Human Services to conduct a study on the State’s compliance with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in regards to Medicaid program integrity within the managed care health plans, fee-for-service program, and the Children’s Health Insurance Program.

DEPARTMENT’S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the intent of these resolutions, however, the Department does generate annual reports that are submitted to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). In addition, external quality reviews are conducted of the health plans and Med-QUEST Division activities as it relates to program operations, that include program

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integrity. In order to reduce duplicate efforts and efficiently utilize staff resources, which are limited to due the reduction in force, the DHS will provide copies of the reports to the Legislature. These reports and the analyses are currently also available on the Med-QUEST website. These annual reports address program benchmarks and our processes to comply and/or meet them.

The DHS defers to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit within the Department of Attorney General for information regarding referrals and recoupments.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.