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TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair Senate Committee on Human Services

The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair Senate Committee on Health

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT:S.C.R. 93/S.R. 45 – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DEVELOP A PILOT
DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOCUSED ON THE TOP FIVE
PERCENT OF MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES WHOSE CARE NEEDS
ACCOUNT FOR A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF MEDICAID
EXPENDITURES IN THE STATE

Hearing: Tuesday, March 27, 2012; 2:00 p.m. Conference Room 016, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Resolution is bill is to request the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health to develop a two-year pilot program focused on the tope five percent of Medicaid recipients whose care accounts for a significant portion of the Medicaid expenditures.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the intent of this resolution but asks that the resolution be deferred. The Department has contracts with QUEST and QExA health plans that already are responsible to manage high-cost recipients and coordinate their care needs. This pilot program would be a duplication of efforts for activities the health plans are already performing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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