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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING CONGRESS TO AMEND TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT TO REQUIRE MEDICAID TO COVER THE ROUTINE COSTS OF CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN CLINICAL TRIALS.

1 WHEREAS, approximately twenty percent of Americans receive
2 their health insurance coverage through Medicaid; and

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4 WHEREAS, unlike Medicare and private commercial payers,
5 Medicaid is not federally required to cover routine care costs,
6 such as physician visits and laboratory studies, for clinical
7 trials; and

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9 WHEREAS, only ten states and the District of Columbia cover
10 clinical trials participation for Medicaid beneficiaries; and

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12 WHEREAS, Medicaid insures a large portion of people from
13 underrepresented minority and ethnic groups who are not well
14 represented in clinical trial enrollment; and

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16 WHEREAS, inclusion of all types of patients in cancer
17 trials is important to help understand disparities in cancer
18 outcomes, improve the validity of clinical research data, and
19 improve the quality of new treatments; and

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21 WHEREAS, for patients without acceptable treatment choices,
22 enrollment in a clinical trial may offer hope for a response to
23 a new anticancer therapy; and

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25 WHEREAS, guaranteeing Medicaid coverage for patients who
26 choose to participate in clinical trials will encourage
27 participation of underrepresented groups; and

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29 WHEREAS, providing coverage for the routine costs of
30 clinical trials would have a minimal effect on overall care
31 costs because insurers cover routine costs of care even if a



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1 patient is not enrolled in a clinical trial and the cost of an
2 investigational device or drug would be covered by the trial
3 sponsor; and
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5 WHEREAS, members of Congress recently introduced H.R. 913
6 (2019), the Clinical Treatment Act, which would promote access
7 to life-saving therapies for Medicaid enrollees by ensuring
8 coverage of routine patient costs for items and services
9 furnished in connection with participation in qualifying
10 clinical trials; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
13 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of
14 Representatives concurring, that Congress is urged to amend
15 title XIX of the Social Security Act to require Medicaid to
16 cover the routine costs of care for patients with life
17 threatening conditions who are enrolled in clinical trials; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of
21 the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of
22 Representatives, and members of the Hawaii congressional
23 delegation.
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