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## SENATE 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  
32 patient is not enrolled in a clinical trial and the cost of an  
33 investigational device or drug would be covered by the trial  
34 sponsor; and



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 2 WHEREAS, members of Congress recently introduced H.R. 913  
 3 (2019), the Clinical Treatment Act, which would promote access  
 4 to life-saving therapies for Medicaid enrollees by ensuring  
 5 coverage of routine patient costs for items and services  
 6 furnished in connection with participation in qualifying  
 7 clinical trials; now, therefore,

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 9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
 10 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that Congress  
 11 is urged to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to  
 12 require Medicaid to cover the routine costs of care for patients  
 13 with life threatening conditions who are enrolled in clinical  
 14 trials; and

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 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 17 Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of the United  
 18 States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of  
 19 Representatives, and members of the Hawaii congressional  
 20 delegation.

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