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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.
2 BY MARTIN and TAYLOR
3 A House Concurrent Resolution encouraging Congress
4 to rescind Health Care Financing Administration
5 rules requiring onerous home health agency
6 reporting.
7 WHEREAS, rules recently promulgated by the Health
8 Care Financing Administration (HCFA) of the United
9 States Department of Health and Human Services
10 requiring Outcome and Assessment Information Set
11 (OASIS) assessment and follow-up reports for all
12 patients of Medicare-certified home health agencies
13 and health departments, whether or not the patient is
14 a recipient of Medicare; and
15 WHEREAS, the OASIS system requires an 18-page
16 initial assessment which must be completed by a
17 registered nurse, and a 13-page follow-up assessment
18 which is required to be completed every sixty days;
19 and
20 WHEREAS, the requirement for computer software
21 necessary for preparation and transmission of the
22 OASIS system assessments and reports is essentially an
23 unfunded federal mandate; and
24 WHEREAS, the HCFA requirement necessitates costly
25 reporting for patients who receive services not paid
26 through Medicare and the reporting is duplicative of
27 existing assessment and reporting requirements; and
28 WHEREAS, in the small-scale home health care
29 organization environment in Iowa, it is not feasible
30 to provide services through separate organizations

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1 based upon whether the patient is a recipient of
2 Medicare; and

3 WHEREAS, the HCFA rules would result in Medicare-
4 certified organizations only providing services to
5 recipients of Medicare, thereby reducing the
6 availability of preventive home services to older
7 Iowans who are not recipients of Medicare, increasing
8 in-hospital admissions and Medicare costs, and
9 increasing nursing home admissions and Medicaid costs;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, OASIS appears to be solely a research
12 project of HCFA, totally unfunded by federal sources,
13 and accomplished with loss of funds by reporting
14 agencies and loss of services to older Iowans; NOW
15 THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
17 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Congress of the United
18 States is encouraged to amend the OASIS system
19 requirements to apply them only to patients who are
20 recipients of Medicare and not to all patients of
21 Medicare-certified home health agencies; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the
23 House is directed to provide a copy of this resolution
24 to the President of the United States, to the
25 Secretary of the United States Department of Health
26 and Human Services, to the President of the United
27 States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States
28 House of Representatives, to the Minority Leaders of
29 the United States Senate and House of Representatives,
30 and to each member of Iowa's congressional delegation.