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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY RITTMER and KIBBIE

A Senate Concurrent Resolution encouraging Congress to rescind Health Care Financing Administration rules requiring onerous home health agency reporting.

WHEREAS, rules recently promulgated by the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) of the United States Department of Health and Human Services requiring Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) assessment and follow-up reports for all patients of Medicare-certified home health agencies and health departments, whether or not the patient is a recipient of Medicare; and

WHEREAS, the OASIS system requires an 18-page initial assessment which must be completed by a registered nurse, and a 13-page follow-up assessment which is required to be completed every sixty days; and

WHEREAS, the requirement for computer software necessary for preparation and transmission of the OASIS system assessments and reports is essentially an unfunded federal mandate; and

WHEREAS, the HCFA requirement necessitates costly reporting for patients who receive services not paid through Medicare and the reporting is duplicative of existing assessment and reporting requirements; and

WHEREAS, in the small-scale home health care organization environment in Iowa, it is not feasible 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 SENATE, THE HOUSE OF  
17 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Congress of the  
18 United 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 Secretary of the  
23 Senate is directed to provide a copy of this  
24 resolution to the President of the United States, to  
25 the Secretary of the United States Department of  
26 Health and Human Services, to the President of the  
27 United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United  
28 States House of Representatives, to the Minority  
29 Leaders of the United States Senate and House of  
30 Representatives, and to each member of Iowa's

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1 congressional delegation.

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