

By: Representative Morris

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 81

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID
2 TO IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT
3 OF CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE USING NO STATE FUNDS; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), also
6 known as chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is the fourth leading
7 cause of death in the United States and the only one of the top
8 five causes whose prevalence and death rate are rising; and

9 WHEREAS, COPD is a chronic progressive disease that impacts
10 an estimated 30 million Americans and caused approximately 121,000
11 deaths in 2000; and

12 WHEREAS, the annual cost to the nation for COPD in 2000 was
13 estimated to be approximately \$30.4 billion; and

14 WHEREAS, early diagnosis and management of COPD can
15 effectively reduce the overall financial burden of the illness
16 within public programs such as Medicaid; and

17 WHEREAS, proper management of COPD can lead to improved
18 quality of life and self-sufficiency on the part of patients cared
19 for within public programs:

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
22 THEREIN, That we encourage the Division of Medicaid to pursue the
23 feasibility of implementing a pilot program to provide chronic
24 disease management of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease using
25 only private sources of funding and no state funds, in an effort
26 to reduce the financial and clinical burden of COPD illness on the
27 Medicaid program and the citizens of Mississippi.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That if a pilot program is deemed
29 feasible, that the division implement such a program using only
30 private sources of funding and no state funds, and prepare a
31 report of findings and recommendations and provide the report to
32 the Office of the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Public
33 Health and Human Services Committee, the Senate Public Health and
34 Welfare Committee and the House Medicaid Committee so that they
35 can evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program in reducing
36 costs within the Medicaid program and in providing improved health
37 and well-being of the affected patients.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
39 furnished to the Division of Medicaid and to members of the
40 Capitol Press Corps.