

By: Senator(s) Nunnelee

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 544

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID
2 TO IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT
3 OF CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE.

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

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

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

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

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

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
20 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
21 we do hereby encourage the Division of Medicaid to pursue the
22 feasibility of implementing a pilot program to provide chronic
23 disease management of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
24 using private sources of funding in an effort to reduce the
25 financial and clinical burden of COPD illness upon the Medicaid
26 program and the citizens of Mississippi.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That if a pilot program is deemed
28 feasible, that such a program be implemented and a report of
29 findings and recommendations be prepared and provided to the
30 Office of the Governor and the Chairmen of the House and Senate
31 Public Health and Welfare Committees and the Chairman of the House
32 Medicaid Committee in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the
33 pilot program in reducing costs within the Medicaid program and in
34 providing improved health and well-being of the affected patients.