

ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1057

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Toure, Turner, Walker and
Wilson of the House

and

Robinson of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution requesting the Oklahoma
Congressional Delegation for certain action related
to the Oklahoma State Medicaid Program; and providing
for distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is one of the many states experiencing a
severe revenue shortfall; and

WHEREAS, economic conditions are the most significant factor
affecting the demand for Medicaid services; and

WHEREAS, at the same time as more individuals must turn to
Medicaid for basic health services increases in health care costs
have resulted in spiraling costs to the Medicaid program in
delivering health services and severe strains on an already stressed
state budget; and

WHEREAS, the rate of federal financial participation supporting
the Oklahoma Medicaid Program was reduced effective October 1, 2001,
by nearly one percent; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Medicaid Program is authorized and
regulated by the federal government and is largely funded by and
dependent upon federal dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Legislature, having the power to appropriate state funds, and the Governor of Oklahoma, with the power to sign appropriations legislation into law, have worked diligently year after year to support the State Medicaid Program through the allocation of revenues from all available resources; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Medicaid Program is once again, despite the unflagging commitment of the legislature and the Governor, facing the prospect of drastic reductions in eligibility for Medicaid, services and provider reimbursement rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate join together at this critical time to call upon the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation to band together on behalf of the people of Oklahoma to ensure the passage of federal legislation that will ease the strains on the State Medicaid Program.

THAT the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation support a bipartisan proposal such as that offered by Senator Collins and Senator Nelson for a temporary increase in federal financial participation in the Medicaid program.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature respectfully and strongly urges the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation to expend every effort towards securing this sorely needed assistance for the people of their state.

THAT in doing so, they will secure benefits not only for the citizens of Oklahoma, but also the citizens of all of the states of this nation.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Governor and to each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 25th day of April,
2002.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2002.

Presiding Officer of the Senate