

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE  
RESOLUTION 1010

By: Nations

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing the importance of assisted living centers in caring for the elderly; requesting the Oklahoma Health Care Authority conduct certain review and add certain benefit to budget request; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, assisted living is defined as a residence with a special combination of housing, personalized supportive services and health care designed to meet the needs of those who need help with the activities of daily living; and

WHEREAS, more than a million Americans live in an estimated 20,000 assisted living centers and a typical resident is a widowed or single woman in her eighties; and

WHEREAS, assisted living centers offer cost effective quality care that is personalized for individual needs and assisted living centers foster independence for each resident; and

WHEREAS, assisted living centers are valuable community assets; and

WHEREAS, at least 39 states provide Medicaid coverage for assisted living services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives requests that the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, the state Medicaid agency, review the feasibility of a federal Medicaid waiver application to provide assisted living benefits to Medicaid beneficiaries.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives requests that the Oklahoma Health Care Authority complete a fiscal review of providing assisted living benefits to Medicaid beneficiaries and, if feasible, to add the benefit to the agency's Fiscal Year 2007 budget request.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board.

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