

WHEREAS, The cutbacks have affected the aged in particular; and

WHEREAS, The cutbacks have not been applied to institutional providers but have concentrated in selected areas; and

WHEREAS, The Governor should take into consideration, in any future budget proposals for the Medicaid Program, the inflation rate and the increased rate of health care costs to avoid depriving low income, disabled and elderly persons and foster care recipients of vital health care services; and

WHEREAS, There appear to be gross inequities in the criteria for eligibility; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the [[Budget and Taxation Committee of the Senate and the Appropriations Committee of the House form a Joint Subcommittee on Medicaid for the purpose of undertaking, during the 1976 interim legislative period, a detailed study of the Medicaid Program, such study to provide for citizen participation, and with the purpose of advising the Governor on the General Assembly intent for the FY 1978 coverage of the Medicaid Program;]] Joint Budget and Audit Committee of the General Assembly of Maryland undertake a detailed study, during the 1976 Interim legislative period, of the Medicaid Program, such study to provide for citizen participation, and with the purpose of developing policy recommendations concerning the State's involvement in the Medicaid Program and the appropriate level of State funding for fiscal year 1978; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor should take into consideration any future budget proposals for the Medicaid Program, the inflation rate and the increased rate of health care costs to avoid depriving low income, disabled and elderly persons and foster care recipients of vital health care services; and urging the Governor to provide adequate funding for the fiscal year 1978 coverage of the Medicaid Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to [[Senator Poy Staton, Chairman of the Budget and Taxation Committee; and to Delegate John Hargreaves, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.]] the Honorable Steny H. Hoyer, President of the Senate [[and]], the Honorable John Hanson Briscoe, Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Honorable Marvin Mandel, Governor of the State of Maryland, and Dr. Neil Solomon, Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

\*Not signed by the Governor.

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