

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3030

Introduced by

Representatives Porter, Berg, Drovdal, Galvin, Pollert, Severson

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to increase Medicare reimbursement for rural health
2 care providers and to use an appropriate amount of the federal budget surplus to equalize
3 Medicare rates between eastern and western North Dakota.

4 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota's Medicare recipients are entitled to the same health care
5 services as other senior citizens in the United States; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Medicare has historically reimbursed rural health care providers at a
7 considerably lower rate than urban health care providers; and

8 **WHEREAS**, there is great disparity among North Dakota providers; and

9 **WHEREAS**, there is a need for access to emergency care and primary care in rural
10 North Dakota which is jeopardized by inadequate Medicare reimbursement;

11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
12 **OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

13 That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
14 increase Medicare reimbursement for rural health care providers and to use an appropriate
15 amount of the federal budget surplus to equalize Medicare rates between eastern and western
16 North Dakota; and

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly invites the
18 United States Senate Finance Committee to meet in North Dakota to address these concerns
19 related to Medicare; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
21 resolution to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, to
22 the chairman of the United States Senate Finance Committee, to the chairman of the United
23 States House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means, and to each member of the
24 North Dakota Congressional Delegation.