

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments****ENGROSSED 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 health care
2 providers, to use an appropriate amount of the federal budget surplus to equalize Medicare
3 rates within North Dakota and within the nation, and to delay implementation of the proposed
4 Medicare ambulance reimbursement fee schedule.

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

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

9 **WHEREAS**, there is great disparity of reimbursement among North Dakota providers;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, home health care is an integral service in North Dakota which allows
12 individuals to be expediently discharged from acute care facilities, thereby allowing individuals
13 to be cared for at home and to avoid nursing homes; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Congress is proposing implementation of a Medicare ambulance
15 reimbursement fee schedule that will negatively affect ambulance services across the state;
16 and

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

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

21 That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
22 increase Medicare reimbursement for health care providers, to use an appropriate amount of
23 the federal budget surplus to equalize Medicare rates within North Dakota and within the
24 nation, and to delay implementation of the proposed Medicare ambulance reimbursement fee
25 schedule; and

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

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
5 resolution to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, to
6 the chairman of the United States Senate Finance Committee, to the chairman of the United
7 States House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means, and to each member of the
8 North Dakota Congressional Delegation.