

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3025

Introduced by

Representatives Price, Devlin, Weisz

Senators Fischer, Holmberg, J. Lee

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to make immediate changes in those Medicare
2 policies that discriminate against senior citizens who reside in rural states and to implement
3 national benefit and service provider policies that are more uniform in their application.

4 **WHEREAS**, it has been a long-standing obligation of the federal government to pay for
5 the health care of this country's senior citizens; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the federal government taxes working citizens uniformly to fund the
7 Medicare program, regardless of where those citizens reside; and

8 **WHEREAS**, under the current Medicare payments to those who provide services to this
9 country's senior citizens vary significantly between urban and rural states; and

10 **WHEREAS**, because of this unequal payment, senior citizens who reside in rural states
11 do not receive the same array of services as those senior citizens who reside in urban states;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, national health care programs such as Medicare must not be allowed to
14 penalize senior citizens who reside in rural states by subjecting them to less coverage and
15 thereby fewer services than those received by senior citizens in urban states;

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

18 That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges Congress to make immediate changes
19 in those Medicare policies that discriminate against senior citizens who reside in rural states
20 and to implement national benefit and service provider policies that are more uniform in their
21 application; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
23 resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department
24 of Health and Human Services, the administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
25 Services, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.