

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4028

Introduced by

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

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**, the care of countless numbers of senior citizens has been impacted
9 because providers are not receiving adequate funding from the federal government to maintain
10 current services; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Congress is considering legislation that would increase the Medicare
12 reimbursement rate for rural hospitals and would bring the rural hospitals closer to the national
13 average;

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

16 That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
17 increase Medicare reimbursement rates for rural health care providers and to use an
18 appropriate amount of the federal budget to equalize Medicare rates within North Dakota and
19 the nation; 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, the
22 administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and to each member of the
23 North Dakota Congressional Delegation.