

Fifty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**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 among North Dakota providers; and

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

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

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

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

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