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Title: Call for health care providers and community hospitals to
provide testimony regarding State of Illinois proposed
budget cuts

Committee(s) Assignment: Committee on Health and Environmental Protection

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Illinois Governor Pat Quinn proposed a plan that he said would save the state's Medicaid health program for the poor from collapse by slashing spending and raising revenue via an increase in the cigarette tax; and,

WHEREAS Enrollment in Medicaid has increased by 98% in the past 10 years the states reimbursement to providers has declined; and,

WHEREAS Safety net hospitals which serve low-income patients who otherwise would have few options for care would be the most affected if these cuts are enacted; and,

WHEREAS 12,000 people are directly employed by safety-net hospitals making most of these facilities the largest employers in their communities, for every job sustained in healthcare two secondary jobs are created; and,

WHEREAS Illinois already ranks 44th of the 50 states in per capita Medicaid spending, the state which only funds 28% of Illinois Medicaid program is now searching for solutions to cut Medicaid spending by a whopping \$2.7 billion; and,

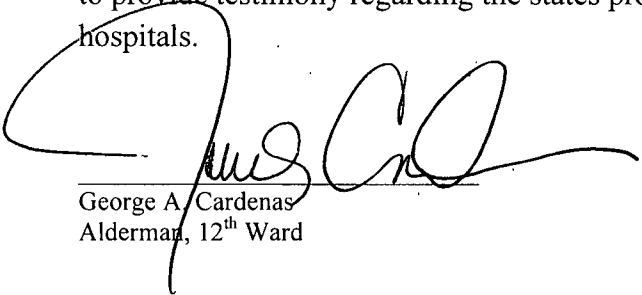
WHEREAS The governor's \$2.7 billion plan calls for saving \$1.35 billion a year by reducing eligibility and coverage, eliminating programs, and other efficiencies; and,

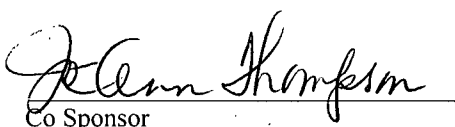
WHEREAS It also calls for dropping rates paid to providers to save another \$675 million, and increasing the state's cigarette tax by \$1 per pack to raise \$335.7 million annually; and,

WHEREAS the Illinois Cares pharmaceutical program, which helps low-income elderly and disabled people get their prescriptions 180,000 people would lose those services; and,

WHEREAS Other proposed cuts include adult dental services for 172,000 people, Detox hospital admissions would be limited to one a month, and imposing a moratorium of uncertain length on all new admissions to intermediate-care nursing homes; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Health and Environmental Protection is directed to invite health care providers and community hospitals that serve residents of the City of Chicago to provide testimony regarding the states proposed budget cuts that will affect our city's hospitals.


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