

House Resolution 883

By: Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parrish of the 156th, and Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Care Management Organization Performance; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the costs, efficacy, and outcomes of patient health care for Medicaid patients
4 through the care management organization (CMO) implementation is an area that needs
5 thorough study; and

6 WHEREAS, it is necessary to determine what impact CMO implementation has had upon
7 patients' care and whether the use of CMOs has increased health care outcomes; and

8 WHEREAS, the number of actual patients who have been diverted from emergency rooms
9 to less costly treatment through CMOs and the cost savings this may have provided must be
10 examined; and

11 WHEREAS, the amount paid to CMOs annually must be compared to the amount paid to
12 providers, and analysis must be made of how the change in the QAF federal rule will impact
13 the effectiveness and budget of CMOs; and

14 WHEREAS, the contemplated reduction in the administrative budget and number of
15 employees at the Department of Community Health should be studied to determine the
16 impact this will have upon CMOs; and

17 WHEREAS, the patient care provided by CMOs should also be examined by determining if
18 CMOs have implemented on-site personnel in hospital emergency departments in order to
19 divert nonemergency cases to less urgent care; and

20 WHEREAS, the impact CMOs have upon access to care should be measured along with
21 differences between FFS networks and CMO networks; and

22 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study of the issues and facts relating to CMOs in the State of
23 Georgia and the effectiveness of these organizations is needed to protect the health of this
24 state's citizens

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 there is created the House Study Committee on Care Management Organization Performance
27 to be composed of five members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
28 Representatives who shall designate one member as chairperson. The chairperson shall call
29 all meetings of the committee.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
31 needs, issues, and problems as described above and recommend any actions or legislation
32 that the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may conduct such
33 meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable
34 it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the
35 objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee shall receive the
36 allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
37 The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the
38 committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. The funds
39 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
40 appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of
41 its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such
42 report shall be made on or before December 31, 2009. The committee shall stand abolished
43 on December 31, 2009.