

House Concurrent Resolution No. 56

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE NASHEED.

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2 **WHEREAS**, beginning in 1995, the Missouri MO HealthNet program, formerly known
3 as the state Medicaid program, has required MO HealthNet enrollees residing in the eastern,
4 central, and western regions of the State of Missouri to access health care services solely through
5 a managed care organization; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the policy of the State of Missouri with respect to this MO HealthNet
7 managed care program always has been to encourage participation by managed care
8 organizations by contracting with as many such organizations as were willing and able to provide
9 the required services on the terms and conditions set by the state; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, this policy has served to encourage competition among such managed care
12 organizations for MO HealthNet enrollees, to the benefit of such enrollees and the state; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, any change in this policy to impose an arbitrary limitation on the number
15 of managed care organizations allowed to participate in Missouri's MO HealthNet managed care
16 program will result in reduced choices for the MO HealthNet enrollees, reduced competition
17 among managed care organizations for these enrollees, and reduced options for health care
18 providers which must contract with one or more of the managed care providers or forego
19 treatment of MO HealthNet enrollees in these regions:

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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
22 Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
23 concurring therein, hereby strongly urge the MO HealthNet Division within the Department of
24 Social Services to continue the state's policy of encouraging competition and maximizing MO
25 HealthNet enrollees' choices by allowing all managed care organizations which are willing and
26 able to provide the required services to participate in Missouri's MO HealthNet managed care
27 program; and

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29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Commissioner of Administration, on behalf
30 of the State of Missouri, award contracts to each and every managed care provider which
31 submitted timely and responsive proposals pursuant to Requests for Proposals No. B3Z12055
32 and which has demonstrated the ability to provide the required services; and

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34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
35 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Douglas

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36 E. Nelson, the Acting Commissioner of Administration, and Brian Kinkade, Interim Director of
37 the Department of Social Services.

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