

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Many senior citizens and disabled residents of
3 Illinois need financial assistance in securing prescription
4 drugs that will enable them to maintain or improve their
5 health and avoid institutionalization; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States Congress has failed to enact
7 any legislation providing for prescription drug coverage for
8 Medicare beneficiaries, even though there is a dire need for
9 such legislation; and

10 WHEREAS, The General Assembly has taken steps to make a
11 program of pharmacy assistance available to low-income senior
12 citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, Public Act 92-10 authorizes the Department of
14 Public Aid to seek a waiver of otherwise applicable
15 requirements of Title XIX of the Social Security Act in order
16 to claim federal financial participation for a pharmacy
17 assistance program for persons aged 65 or over with income
18 levels at or less than 250% of the federal poverty level; and

19 WHEREAS, On July 31, 2001 the Department of Public Aid
20 submitted to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
21 Services a Section 1115 Medicaid Research and Demonstration
22 Waiver Application, providing for a pharmaceutical benefit
23 for Illinois' low-income seniors and providing enhanced
24 access to primary care; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
27 we urge the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
28 Services to approve the Section 1115 Medicaid Research and
29 Demonstration Waiver Application submitted by the Department
30 of Public Aid; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be sent

1 to the Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations,
2 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.