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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Department of Human Services has funded community-based agencies serving people with developmental disabilities and mental illness with grants for Community Integrated Living Arrangements (CILA), Developmental Training (DT) programs, and Supported Employment Programs (SEP); and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has worked to restore State funding to these community-based agencies; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly wishes to increase Federal Medicaid funding; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly the Health Care Financing Administration), does not require a fee-for-service system to claim Medicaid match funds; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Human Services currently reconciles grant-funded programs to claim Federal Financial Participation funds; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Human Services' plan to move from grant funding to fee-for-services funding will force community agencies serving people with disabilities to reduce or eliminate services to individuals already receiving services; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Department of Human Services should continue grant funding for community agencies and work within the grant system to re-coup additional Federal Medicaid dollars; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of Human Services.