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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 DECLARING THE POLICY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS TO  
10 PROMOTE AND MAXIMIZE THE USE OF HOME AND  
11 COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES.  
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13 **Subtitle**

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19 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas faces a growing demand for Medicaid  
20 long-term care services due to an aging population and an increasing number  
21 of persons with disabilities; and  
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23 WHEREAS, the state and federal governments face budget constraints that  
24 require more cost-effective approaches to Medicaid long-term care; and  
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26 WHEREAS, older people, persons with disabilities, and their families  
27 typically prefer that care be provided in the home or in a community setting  
28 as long as possible and such care is typically more cost-effective than  
29 institutional care,  
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31 NOW THEREFORE,

32 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL  
33 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:  
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35 That it is the policy of the State of Arkansas to promote and maximize  
36 the use of home and community-based services.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all state agencies shall cooperate to develop and promote home and community-based services as the primary choice, both for Medicaid recipients and for persons privately paying for care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human Services shall assess applicants for Medicaid long-term care services, inform them or their guardians of all available options, and provide support for their choice of services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human Services shall ensure that residents of institutions are periodically reassessed to determine whether they wish to return to a noninstitutional setting, and if so, provide them with information about alternatives to institutional care and offer them assistance in transitioning out of the facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human Services shall promote the use of person-centered planning that respects an individual's preferences and goals as well as his or her needs and shall offer consumer-directed care options.