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By: Senator Kinard

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONTINUE
THE STUDY OF NURSING HOME REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGY AS IT
RELATES TO PUBLIC EVALUATION OF THE QUALITY OF CARE PROVIDED
IN NURSING FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, there are many reimbursement methodologies utilized in the
various states to determine payment amounts for nursing home care; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of this State have a need to be informed about the
quality of care being provided in a nursing home; and

WHEREAS, a uniform method of evaluation would provide the citizenry of
this State with a means to compare quality of care when selecting a nursing
home; and

WHEREAS, the payment of nursing home care is one of largest items in the
state Medicaid budget; and

WHEREAS, current Medicaid payments affect not only Medicaid patients but
indirectly affect all current and future nursing home residents; and

WHEREAS, there is a public right to know what the tax dollar is buying
and how one facility compares to another,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Department of Human Services continue to study the various
reimbursement methodologies for nursing homes and how such can be modified so
the public can be better advised of the quality of care provided in a nursing
home facility.