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## 7 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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9 PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY WHICH  
10 SHALL EXAMINE VARIOUS ISSUES IN REGARD TO PUBLIC AND  
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22 WHEREAS, the rapid growth of rehabilitation engineering and the  
23 development of assistive technology services and devices can be a leading  
24 factor in increased independence and functioning of persons with disabilities;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, inconsistencies may exist between the Arkansas Medicaid  
27 programs coverage of assistive technology and requirements set forth in  
28 federal rules and regulations, and these inconsistencies could jeopardize the  
29 Arkansas Medicaid programs eligibility to receive federal financial  
30 participation; and

31 WHEREAS, other states are developing projects for persons with  
32 significant disabilities that can impart information and models about  
33 transforming Medicaid programs from fee-for-service systems to capitated  
34 managed care systems; and

35 WHEREAS, improved access to health care services utilizing cost-  
36 effective mechanisms is of continuing interest to the House and Senate

1 Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare and Labor,

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4 NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST GENERAL

6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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8         THAT the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare  
9 and Labor conduct a study which shall examine the following issues in regard  
10 to coverage of medically necessary assistive technology services and  
11 devices/durable medical equipment for adults with disabilities:

12 (1) permitting reimbursement of assistive technology services and  
13 devices/durable medical equipment by the Arkansas Medicaid program and third-  
14 party payors; and (2) identifying successful models of assistive technology  
15 services delivery and financing.

16         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Increasing Capabilities Access Network  
17 of the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services should assist the House and Senate  
18 Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare and Labor in conducting the study  
19 regarding assistive technology services and devices and should, in conjunction  
20 with the study, review any proposals or regulations affecting the provision of  
21 assistive technology services and devices for persons with disabilities.

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