

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 83

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** memorializing the United States Secretary of
2 Health and Human Services to support the development of assisted living
3 residences.

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5 **WHEREAS**, Assisted living residences offer significant potential as a
6 community-based long-term care alternative to nursing home care for
7 senior and disabled persons, which would reduce the rate of increase in
8 total health care system costs in the context of an aging population and
9 enable these persons to enjoy a less restrictive and more homelike
10 environment than is generally available in institutional settings; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Assisted living residences are generally newly constructed
12 buildings designed to offer their residents benefits which are currently
13 unavailable in any other type of health care facility, such as a personally
14 furnished, apartment-style living environment and a uniquely individualized
15 approach to care, and which are intended to promote each resident's sense
16 of autonomy, privacy and self-esteem; and

17 **WHEREAS**, In New Jersey, the Department of Health has taken steps to
18 encourage the development of assisted living residences, as well as
19 comprehensive personal care homes, in order to restructure the State's
20 long-term care system to give consumers a greater choice of cost-effective
21 home and community-based alternatives to nursing home care; and

22 **WHEREAS**, It is important for the states to encourage the federal government
23 to support efforts to provide for a more humane and cost-effective long-
24 term care system and provide the states with maximum flexibility to make
25 new long-term care options available to consumers; and

26 **WHEREAS**, This House believes that the national administration endorses this
27 strategy for expanding the availability of community-based long-term care
28 options nationwide; now, therefore,

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30 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

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32 1. This House memorializes the United States Secretary of Health and
33 Human Services to issue such waivers of federal statutes or regulations as
34 permitted and necessary to facilitate the development of assisted living
35 residences as a viable and accessible community-based long-term care

1 alternative to nursing home care for senior and disabled persons, through
2 support for their construction, operation and inclusion as a covered service in
3 the Medicaid and Medicare programs.

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5 2. A duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of
6 the General Assembly, and attested by the Clerk of the General Assembly,
7 shall be forwarded to the United States Secretary of Health and Human
8 Services and to each member of the United States Congress elected from the
9 State of New Jersey.

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12 STATEMENT

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22 Memorializes U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services to support the
23 development of assisted living residences.