

By: Bette Gunnerson

No: T018

Committee: (Health & Human Resources) _____

RESOLUTION

Medicaid Benefit for Assisted Living

A RESOLUTION TO: Promote Assisted Living Options to Seniors who qualify for Medicaid.

WHEREAS, There is no legislation in place to meet the needs of seniors with limited financial resources who need the services of an assisted living facility; and,

WHEREAS, We request some legislation to be put into place for seniors who qualify for Medicaid, giving them a benefit for assisted living; and,

WHEREAS, There are many facilities requesting residents leave, when they have run out of money. Some, after a ten year stay in one facility. The physician will exaggerate the disability and place the senior in a nursing home, where they will be eligible for Medicaid benefits, at twice the cost. We further request that the assisted living facilities be required to allocate 10% of their beds for Medicaid patients, and any new assisted living facilities be given three years to comply; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the TSHL urges the 79th Texas Legislature to pass a bill to cover, through Medicaid conversion of, persons who enter the assisted living residence as private paying persons and subsequently become eligible for Medicaid, or through direct admission of Medicaid-eligible persons

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of September, 2004, by

the _____ Committee,

Chair

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of September, 2004, by

by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Speaker

ATTEST:

Secretary