
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING CONGRESS TO PASS THE CLINICAL TREATMENT ACT TO AMEND
TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT TO REQUIRE MEDICAID TO
COVER THE ROUTINE COSTS OF CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH LIFE-
THREATENING CONDITIONS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN CLINICAL TRIALS.

1 WHEREAS, approximately twenty percent of Americans receive
2 their health insurance coverage through Medicaid; and
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4 WHEREAS, unlike Medicare and private commercial payers,
5 Medicaid is not federally required to cover routine care costs,
6 such as physician visits and laboratory studies, for clinical
7 trials; and
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9 WHEREAS, only ten states, including Hawai'i, and the
10 District of Columbia cover clinical trials participation for
11 Medicaid beneficiaries; and
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13 WHEREAS, Medicaid insures a large portion of people from
14 racial and ethnic groups who are underrepresented in clinical
15 trial enrollment; and
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17 WHEREAS, inclusion of all types of patients in cancer
18 trials is important to help understand disparities in cancer
19 outcomes, improve the validity of clinical research data, and
20 improve the quality of new treatments; and
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22 WHEREAS, for patients without acceptable treatment choices,
23 enrollment in a clinical trial may offer hope for a response to
24 a new anticancer therapy; and
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26 WHEREAS, guaranteeing Medicaid coverage for patients who
27 choose to participate in clinical trials will encourage
28 participation of underrepresented groups; and
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30 WHEREAS, providing coverage for the routine costs of
31 clinical trials may have a minimal effect on overall care costs
32 because insurers cover routine costs of care even if a patient



1 is not enrolled in a clinical trial and the cost of an
2 investigational device or drug would be covered by the trial
3 sponsor; and
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5 WHEREAS, members of Congress recently introduced H.R. 913
6 (2019), the Clinical Treatment Act, which would promote access
7 to life-saving therapies for Medicaid enrollees by ensuring
8 coverage of routine patient costs for items and services
9 furnished in connection with participation in qualifying
10 clinical trials; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
13 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that Congress
14 is urged to pass the Clinical Treatment Act to amend title XIX
15 of the Social Security Act to require Medicaid to cover the
16 routine costs of care for patients with life threatening
17 conditions who are enrolled in clinical trials; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of the United
21 States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of
22 Representatives, and members of the Hawaii congressional
23 delegation.
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