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Smith, K., O'Brien, Sobbecki, Lipps, Miranda, Russo, Brown, Crossman,
Lightbody, Weinstein, Crawley**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge Congress to standardize home and community-based 1
Medicaid waiver programs to better accommodate 2
military families with special needs. 3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, There are 2.3 million children of active duty 4
military service members enrolled in TRICARE, the health care 5
program for military personnel; and 6

WHEREAS, While TRICARE provides comprehensive health care 7
coverage for most military families, the program does not meet 8
the unique health care needs of all enrolled families; and 9

WHEREAS, Of the 2.3 million children of active duty military 10
service members enrolled in TRICARE, approximately 200,000 rely 11
on Medicaid for supplemental health care coverage; and 12

WHEREAS, Medicaid provides vital home and community-based 13
services to military family members with disabilities that are 14
not provided through TRICARE; and 15

WHEREAS, Home and community-based Medicaid services are 16

administered at the state level through waivers approved by the 17
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and 18

WHEREAS, Because of this state-level administration, 19
recipients lose access to services when moving from one state to 20
another; and 21

WHEREAS, Military families relocate from one state to 22
another every two or three years, creating a unique problem for 23
families receiving home and community-based Medicaid waiver 24
services; and 25

WHEREAS, With every permanent change of station order 26
received, military families must reapply for home and community- 27
based Medicaid waiver services in the state to which they 28
relocate; and 29

WHEREAS, Due to long waiting lists, military families often 30
wait years to receive home and community-based services in their 31
new state; and 32

WHEREAS, By the time military families are able to obtain 33
home and community-based waiver services, many families have 34
received new permanent change of station orders requiring the 35
family to relocate to another state and restart the process for 36
obtaining waiver services; and 37

WHEREAS, Due to long waits to receive waiver services, 38
active duty military service members must choose between keeping 39
their family together or leaving dependent family members behind 40
to ensure they receive a necessary level of care; and 41

WHEREAS, Requiring active duty military service members to 42
make such decisions has a detrimental effect on the morale and 43
readiness of our nation's military service members; now 44
therefore be it 45

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General Assembly 46

of the State of Ohio, urge Congress to standardize Medicaid home 47
and community-based services waivers to permit eligible family 48
members of active duty military service members to retain their 49
home and community-based services when transferring from one state 50
to another; and be it further 51

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 52
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 53
members of Ohio's Congressional delegation and the news media of 54
Ohio. 55