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# A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

То	encourage the federal Centers for Medicare and	1
	Medicaid Services to revise survey measures	2
	included in the Hospital Consumer Assessment of	3
	Healthcare Providers and Systems that relate to	4
	patient pain management.	5

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

WHEREAS, Drug overdose deaths continue to be a public 6 7 health crisis in Ohio with a 366 per cent increase in the number of deaths from 2000 to 2012. According to the Ohio 8 Department of Health, in 2012, unintentional drug overdoses 9 caused 1,914 deaths among Ohio residents. In 2012, five 10 Ohioans died every day from an unintentional drug overdose, 11 or one every five hours. Prescription drugs are involved in 12 most of the unintentional drug overdoses and have largely 13 driven the rise in deaths; and 14

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# be assessed on best medical practices rather than patient perceptions; now therefore be it RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, call on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to immediately revise the HCAHPS survey measures to better address the topic of pain management and to implement these changes with all due haste; and be it further RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General Assembly of the State of Ohio, support the efforts of those

involved in drug abuse research, education, community 57 outreach, and prevention in order to build an environment in 58 which alternatives to opiates are available; and be it 59 further 60

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives61transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the62United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, the63Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid64Services, and the news media of Ohio.65

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