LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixtieth Legislature First Regular Session - 2009

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE TO REVIEW THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR AND THE SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ADULT CYSTIC FIBROSIS PROGRAM AND REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE REGARDING CERTAIN OPTIONS FOR RESTRUCTURING THAT PROGRAM.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the Adult Cystic Fibrosis Program managed by the Department of Health and Welfare provides assistance to individuals at high risk of economic hardships due to paying for care related to their disease; and

WHEREAS, adult cystic fibrosis patients who don't have access to care are at increased risk of greater medical need and of dying prematurely; and

WHEREAS, Section 56-1019, Idaho Code, requires the Department of Health and Welfare to provide a program of services to persons suffering from cystic fibrosis who are twenty-one years or more of age; and

WHEREAS, the current Cystic Fibrosis Program provided by the Department of Health and Welfare lacks financial eligibility criteria consistent with other programs providing health services to Idahoans; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Idaho Legislature to assure consistent and nondiscriminatory public policy related to the coverage of health services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Department of Health and Welfare is requested to review the eligibility criteria for and the services available through the Adult Cystic Fibrosis Program and report to the Legislative Health Care Task Force by September 2009, options for restructuring that program to:

(1) Assure individual responsibility for the expenses associated with the medical care those individuals receive for cystic fibrosis;

(2) Establish uniform financial eligibility for patients receiving services from the state of Idaho;

(3) Maximize the use of the Idaho High Risk Reinsurance Pool as a vehicle for covering the costs of care for those individuals who are uninsured or underinsured; and

(4) Align the program eligibility and scope of services with those of other health benefit programs provided by the state of Idaho.