

~~Acting Governor shall designate the chairman from among the five recommended by the Maryland State Firemen's Association; and be it further~~

RESOLVED, That the committee is requested to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than January 1, 1980 1979.

Approved May 16, 1978.

No. 29

(House Joint Resolution 28)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Medicare Benefits

FOR the purpose of urging the Maryland Congressional Delegation to sponsor legislation for certain additional benefits to the Medicare program.

Many elderly persons dependent on social security are forced to rely on medical assistance from the State for benefits not covered under the federal Medicare program.

Some of the benefits most needed by the aged are dental care, prescription drugs, and long term health care which are not generally covered by Medicare.

Federal regulations require the State to conform to certain eligibility standards for medical assistance recipients for the State to qualify for matching federal funds. Increases of social security benefits to many persons has meant loss of medical assistance from the State.

It would seem just and fair that if increases in social security benefits, over which the recipient has no control, causes a loss in medical assistance from the State, the federal government should include these benefits under the Medicare program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That this Body urgently requests the Maryland Congressional Delegation to sponsor appropriate legislation to include additional benefits under the Medicare program relating to dental care, prescription drugs, and long term care; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. and Paul S. Sarbanes, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Robert E. Bauman, Clarence D. Long, Barbara A. Mikulski, Marjorie S.