

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), also known as chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States and the only cause of death of the top five causes whose prevalence and death rate are rising; and

WHEREAS, COPD is a chronic progressive disease which impacts over 175,000 residents of Missouri and 24 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, the annual cost to the nation for COPD in 2004 was estimated to be approximately 37 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis and management of COPD can effectively reduce the overall financial burden of the illness within public programs such as Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, proper management of COPD can lead to improved quality of life and self-sufficiency on the part of patients cared for within public programs:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby encourage the Missouri Rx Plan Advisory Commission to consider disease management of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in an effort to reduce the financial and clinical burden of COPD illness upon the Medicaid program and the citizens of Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Missouri Rx Plan Advisory Commission, the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services, and the Director of the Department of Social Services.

Resolution

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