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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

JOINT RESOLUTION

TO AMEND THE MEDICAID SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION WAIVER REQUESTS
AND RENEWALS

Introduced By: Representative Jean Phillippe Barros

Date Introduced: March 07, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, The General Assembly enacted Chapter 12.4 of Title 42 entitled “The
2 Rhode Island Medicaid Reform Act of 2008”; and

3 WHEREAS, A legislative enactment is required pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws
4 42-12.4-1, et seq.; and

5 WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws § 42-7.2-5(3)(i) provides that the Secretary of
6 the Executive Office of Health and Human Services is responsible for the review and
7 coordination of any Medicaid section 1115 demonstration waiver requests and renewals as well
8 as any initiatives and proposals requiring amendments to the Medicaid state plan or category II or
9 III changes as described in the demonstration, “with potential to affect the scope, amount, or
10 duration of publicly-funded health care services, provider payments or reimbursements, or access
11 to or the availability of benefits and services provided by Rhode Island general and public laws”;
12 now therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That, in pursuit of a more cost-effective consumer choice system of care
14 that is fiscally sound and sustainable, the legislature approves the following proposal to amend
15 the demonstration:

16 (1) Implement a behavioral health per diem add-on for particularly complex patients, who
17 have been hospitalized for six (6) months or more, are clinically appropriate for discharge to a
18 nursing facility, and where the nursing facility is Medicaid certified to provide or facilitate
19 enhanced levels of behavioral healthcare or Medicaid recipients with a medically-based mental

1 health or behavioral disorder demonstrating significant behaviors as shown in a minimum of
2 thirty (30) days of clinical behavioral documentation residing in a nursing facility; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, and
6 to Dr. James McDonald, MD, MPH, Interim Director of the Department of Health, and to
7 Womazetta Jones, MA, Secretary of the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human
8 Services.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This joint resolution would approve an amendment the Medicaid section 1115
- 2 demonstration waiver requests and renewals.

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