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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS AND METHODOLOGY TO IMPROVE MEDICAID
INTEGRITY IN THE STATE**

Introduced By: Representatives Serpa, Tarro, Mattiello, Silva, and Morgan

Date Introduced: January 25, 2012

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, The federal government has estimated that fraud, waste, and abuse have cost
2 state Medicaid programs around \$18 billion dollars annually; and

3 WHEREAS, Implementation of modern fraud screening and prevention solutions to
4 detect fraud and abuse prior to Medicaid claims being paid is essential in protecting taxpayer
5 dollars; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition, federal law now requires states to improve program integrity for
7 Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs by implementing waste, and fraud and
8 abuse, prevention, detection, and recovery solutions; and

9 WHEREAS, It is of critical importance, particularly in difficult economic times when
10 severe budget cuts are being made, to implement programs to eliminate fraud and waste; and

11 WHEREAS, Rhode Island's Medicaid program is an Executive function administered by
12 the state's Department of Human Services in conjunction with the state's Department of
13 Administration and the Department of Health; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
15 Providence Plantations hereby respectfully requests the Governor of the State of Rhode Island to
16 implement waste, and fraud and abuse, detection, prevention, and recovery solutions; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the

- 1 Director of the Department of Human Services, the Director of the Department of Administration,
- 2 and the Director of the Department of Health.

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