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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY UNITED
HEALTHCARE'S PRACTICES AS THEY RELATE TO THE HEALTHCARE OF THE
CONSUMER

Introduced By: Representatives Lima, Palangio, Carnevale, Azzinaro, and Messier

Date Introduced: February 27, 2014

Referred To: House Corporations

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of eleven (11) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island
3 House of Representatives, not more than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by
4 the Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be the Director of the Rhode Island Department of
5 Health, or designee; one of whom shall be the Rhode Island Attorney General, or designee; one of
6 whom shall be the Rhode Island Health Insurance Commissioner, or designee; two (2) of whom
7 shall be members of the Rhode Island Medical Society, to be appointed by the Executive Director
8 of the Rhode Island Medical Society; and three (3) of whom shall be members of the general
9 public, two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and one of whom shall
10 be appointed by the Minority Leader.

11 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
12 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly
13 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
14 of a legislator, provided that the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader of the political party
15 which is entitled to the appointment, consents to the member of the general public.

16 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive investigation of
17 United Healthcare's practices as they relate to the healthcare of the consumer, and to make
18 recommendations to ensure compliance with contractual provisions and the scope of covered
19 services.

1 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
2 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select a chairperson.

3 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

4 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

5 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,
6 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
7 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

8 The Speaker of the House is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters
9 for said commission; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
11 House of Representatives no later than January 6, 2015, and said commission shall expire on
12 March 6, 2015.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This resolution would create an eleven (11) member special legislative study commission
2 whose purpose it would be to study United Healthcare's practices as they relate to the healthcare
3 of the consumer, and who would report back to the House of Representatives no later than
4 January 6, 2015, and whose life would expire on March 6, 2015.

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