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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS INCLUDE RHODE ISLAND BEST PRACTICES IN MEDICAID REFORM EFFORTS FOR OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

Introduced By: Senators Satchell, Miller, Goldin, Ottiano, and Pichardo

Date Introduced: June 23, 2015

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The Health Home model opioid treatment program (OTP) results and
2 impacts should be recognized, and successful practices should be supported on a going forward
3 basis; and

4 WHEREAS, Workforce development investments should include training designed to
5 enhance the knowledge and skills of practitioners who are members of the OTP Health Home
6 team; and

7 WHEREAS, It is important to the treatment community that the existing patient acuity
8 model be utilized to determine person-centered care coordination efforts, staffing models, and
9 reimbursement rates; and

10 WHEREAS, Levels of care within the existing patient acuity model should be defined
11 and agreed upon by stakeholders, including the opioid treatment program providers; and

12 WHEREAS, Staffing models and reimbursement rates should be designed with input
13 from the opioid treatment programs; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
15 hereby respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human
16 Services and the Director of the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental
17 Disabilities and Hospitals include Rhode Island best practices in Medicaid reform efforts for
18 opioid treatment programs; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
2 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health
3 and Human Services and the Director of the Department of Behavioral Healthcare,
4 Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals.

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