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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM PLAN

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Goldin, Conley, Miller, and Coyne

Date Introduced: June 27, 2017

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, In 2012, The Lewin Group was commissioned by the Rhode Island
2 Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Department of Health to conduct a gap
3 analysis focused on assessing the current health care system's in-patient capacity, utilization,
4 distribution of services, and the resulting impact on costs; and

5 WHEREAS, The Lewin report compared the results to the population's future needs for
6 the state which can be used to provide guidance on the ideal number, location, and type of
7 hospital beds; the model also aids in estimating the cost of excess capacity; and

8 WHEREAS, As multiple hospitals in Rhode Island contemplate mergers, it is important
9 that the 2012 report be updated to ensure that the Certificate of Need (CON) process considers
10 current data on hospital capacity; and

11 WHEREAS, The CON program exists to ensure that proposed new health care services
12 meet the needs of the population, are affordable, accessible, and are of high quality; and

13 WHEREAS, The CON programs are aimed at restraining health care facility costs and
14 allowing for coordinated planning of new services and construction, as well as providing a
15 mechanism to help implement a statewide health plan. However, thus far, no state health plan has
16 been adopted in Rhode Island since 1986; and

17 WHEREAS, A statewide health plan requires more extensive information on each service
18 to support system wide data and service integration by evaluating the impacts of each proposed

1 service, the population health outcome impacts of each proposed service, and access to care and
2 treatment equality; and

3 WHEREAS, A priority of the Rhode Island Senate has been to focus on a framework that
4 will benefit the vision of Rhode Island by allowing for smarter spending in regards to health care
5 dollars, better-quality of care, and overall a healthier population; and now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
7 hereby respectfully requests that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, the
8 Department of Health, and the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner develop the
9 methodology pursuant to §23-81-4 to inform a statewide health care system plan; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby respectfully requests
11 that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, the Department of Health, and the
12 Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner provide recommendations pursuant to §23-81-4 for
13 the development of a statewide health care system plan; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby respectfully requests that the written
15 recommendations be submitted to the Senate President and to the Chairs of the Senate
16 Committees on Finance, and on Health and Human Services on or before January of 2018; and be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health
20 and Human Services, the Director of the Department of Health, and the Health Insurance
21 Commissioner.

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