

MOTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Supporting the efforts of United States Representative Michael Doyle to preserve Medicaid benefits for Americans through House Bill 4223, the "Medicaid Preservation Act of 2005."

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2005, Representative William Pascrell introduced House Bill 4223 the Medicaid Preservation Act of 2005; and

WHEREAS, Representative Doyle is among 21 co-sponsors of House Bill 4223; and

WHEREAS, this legislation will establish a Bipartisan Commission on Medicaid to thoroughly consider the operations of and consequences of altering the Medicaid program; and

WHEREAS, this legislation will prohibit cuts in federal funding for the Medicaid program until full consideration is given to recommendations made by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid is the largest public health insurance program in the United States, covering more than one in seven Americans and accounting for more than 15 percent of spending on health care in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid is a health insurance program for low-income adults and children, a comprehensive source of medical coverage for people with disabilities, the primary source of public funding for long term care, and a supplement to Medicare for the elderly;

WHEREAS, Medicaid also reduces disparities in health care delivery to racial and ethnic minorities, who make up approximately one third of the population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid is the cornerstone of the United States' health care safety net, providing health and long term care services to more than 40 million low-income families;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED, AND IT IS THE SENSE OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, that this Body supports the concepts embodied within House Bill 4223 and the efforts of Representative Doyle in cosponsoring and seeking approval for this legislation.

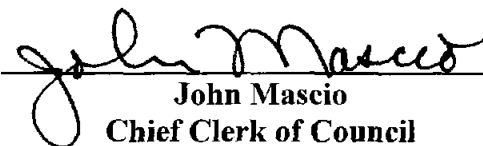
SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLEARY

In Council December 20 2005.

Read and Approved.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest: 
John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

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From: Mascio, John
Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2005 1:48 PM
To: Senator Arlen Specter; Senator Rick Santorum; Congressman John Murtha; Congressman Mike Doyle; Congressman Tim Murphy; Congresswoman Melissa Hart
Subject: Motion of Allegheny County Council - Bill No. 2244-05

At the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on December 20, 2005, Council passed by a vote of 10-4-1 the attached Motion, sponsored by Council Member Joan Cleary, Expressing the Sense of Council of Allegheny County supporting the efforts of United States Representative Michael Doyle to preserve Medicaid benefits for Americans through House Bill 4223, the "Medicaid Preservation Act of 2005."

Council Members Cleary, DeFazio, Fawcett, Frazier, Jabbour, Martoni, Nerone, Robinson, Watt, and Fitzgerald voted yes; Council Members Francis, Gastgeb, Price, and Rea voted no; and Council Member Kress abstained.

Your attention to this Motion is requested.

John Mascio
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council

12/27/2005