

House Concurrent Resolution No. 16

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BRATTIN.

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2 **WHEREAS**, it is often difficult, if not impossible, for citizens of this state to determine
3 the price of health care services; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the price of health care services often depends on the type of insurance an
5 individual has and is often determined on a case-by-case basis; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, without accessible billing rates, the health care industry is able to charge
8 different amounts to patients for the same services; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, individuals who are out-of-network for a provider or are uninsured often
11 pay the most for health care services; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, the cost for a laboratory test can vary greatly at the same laboratory and the
14 cost for hospitalization can result in a bill that varies by thousands of dollars for the same
15 services; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, rates for health care services should be available in a standardized format
18 to allow for price transparency; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, by imposing legitimate pricing requirements, providers can continue to set
21 their own rates, but rates would not vary depending on the patient; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, rates for health care services should be available and searchable online by
24 geographic location so that citizens can determine which provider to use; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, legitimate pricing would result in significant cost savings for patients and
27 would reduce limitations on patient choice; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, when the prices for health care services are public and easily accessible,
30 health care costs and health insurance premiums will decrease:

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32 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
33 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
34 concurring therein, hereby urge Congress to require that health care providers publish legitimate
35 pricing rates for all health care services provided; and

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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
38 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for majority
39 and minority party leadership for the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate and each
40 member of the Missouri congressional delegation.

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