

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 25

## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2 **Whereas**, Truman Medical Centers is Western Missouri's safety net hospital  
3 system. The Truman Medical Center System is comprised of Truman Medical Center Hospital  
4 Hill, Truman Medical Center Lakewood, and Truman Medical Center Behavioral Health; and

5 **Whereas**, with three out of four of Truman Medical Center patients being  
6 uninsured or Medicaid-eligible, Truman Medical Center is the health care home for many of the  
7 underinsured in the Kansas City area; and  
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9 **Whereas**, Truman Medical Center is particularly concerned about proposed  
10 regulations from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that would narrow the  
11 definition of "public" so that many current public hospitals, including Truman Medical Center,  
12 would no longer qualify as public for purposes of providing the local match required to obtain  
13 federal Medicaid funds. Initial estimates of the impact to Truman Medical Center is that it would  
14 exceed \$37 million in lost Medicaid funding; and  
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16 **Whereas**, Truman Medical Center's exclusion as a public institution would occur  
17 despite the fact that Truman Medical Center operates the hospitals of the City of Kansas City,  
18 Missouri, and Jackson County, Missouri. Truman Medical Center continues to shoulder public  
19 duties such as indigent healthcare and jail clinics; and  
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21 **Whereas**, both Truman Medical Center hospitals serve as primary teaching  
22 institutions for the residents and undergraduate medical students of the University of Missouri-  
23 Kansas City School of Medicine; and  
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25 **Whereas**, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has previously  
26 explicitly recognized Truman Medical Center's governmental status; and

27       **Whereas**, the proposed rules would arbitrarily remove Truman Medical Center  
28 from its status as a government owned or operated hospital:

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30       **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
31 Representatives of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
32 concurring therein, hereby urge the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to withdraw the  
33 portion of the proposed rules that would change the status of Truman Medical Center as a  
34 government owned or operated hospital; and

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36       **Be it further resolved** that the General Assembly requests that the Missouri  
37 Congressional delegation ask the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to withdraw this  
38 rule and further requests the Missouri Congressional delegation to diligently work to assure that  
39 this rule does not take effect; and

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41       **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
42 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Leslie  
43 V. Norwalk, Acting Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and each  
44 member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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