

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), also known as chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States and the only one of the top five causes of death whose prevalence and death rate are rising; and

WHEREAS, COPD is a chronic progressive disease which impacts over 175,000 residents of Missouri and 24 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, the annual cost to the nation for COPD in 2004 was estimated to be approximately 37 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis and management of COPD can effectively reduce the overall financial burden of the illness within public programs such as Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, proper management of COPD can lead to improved quality of life and self-sufficiency on the part of patients with COPD cared for within public programs; and

WHEREAS, disease management has been demonstrated to reduce overall costs of care and increase quality of life for patients with chronic diseases, especially when targeted to appropriate conditions and patients; and

WHEREAS, November is COPD awareness month and November 21, 2007, is COPD awareness day; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby recognize November 21, 2007, as COPD awareness day, and November as COPD awareness month in Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby support and encourage the Department of Social Services, Division of Medical Services in its efforts with regard to disease management and including COPD in the department's chronic care improvement program in an effort to reduce the financial and clinical burden of COPD on the Medicaid program and the citizens of Missouri.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Department of Social Services.

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