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**Resolve, Directing the Department of Human Services to Take Steps to
Reduce the Regulation of Nurses Providing Care to Nursing Home
Residents.**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HARTNETT of Freeport and
Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, HANLEY of Oxford, O'DEA of
Penobscot, PINGREE of Knox, Representative: BUCK of Yarmouth.

Sec. 1. Adaptation of Minimum Data Set Plus case mix form.

Resolved: That the Department of Human Services may not require that providers of resident nursing facility services complete more than one type of form for patient assessment. To accomplish this, the department shall adapt, as necessary, the Minimum Data Set Plus form used for case mix indexing and incorporate the necessary information currently provided through the MED-94 form for nursing facility eligibility; and be it further

Sec. 2. Limitation on amount of documentation. Resolved:

That the Department of Human Services may not require providers of resident nursing facility services to complete Minimum Data Set Plus forms more frequently than such documentation is required by federal regulations; and be it further

Sec. 3. Prohibition on complete replication of forms. Resolved:

That the Department of Human Services may not require a provider of resident nursing facility services to generate an entirely new Minimum Data Set Plus form to correct errors or omissions that appear in the originally submitted form. A provider of resident nursing facility services may manually write corrections to the originally submitted form; and be it further

Sec. 4. Conformity of case mix definitions to standard medical definitions. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall conform case mix reviewers' definitions for the minimum data set plus forms with standard medical definitions.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve accomplishes the following.

1. It provides that the Department of Human Services may require only one type of form from resident nursing facility services for patient assessment, and requires the department to adapt the Minimum Data Set Plus, or "MDS+," form to incorporate the information currently provided through the MED-94 form.

2. It prohibits the Department of Human Services from requiring providers of resident nursing facility services to complete MDS+ forms more frequently than such documentation is required by federal regulations.

3. It prohibits the Department of Human Services from requiring providers of resident nursing facility services to generate entirely new MDS+ forms to correct errors or omissions.

4. It requires the Department of Human Services to conform case mix reviewers' definitions for the MDS+ forms with standard medical definitions.