

1                   **JOINT RESOLUTION URGING SUPPORT OF**  
2                   **MEDICAID LONG-TERM CARE FUNDING OF**  
3                   **HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORTS**

4                                   2008 GENERAL SESSION

5                                   STATE OF UTAH

6                                   **Chief Sponsor: Michael E. Noel**

7                                   Senate Sponsor: Gene Davis

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9                   **LONG TITLE**

10                   **General Description:**

11                   This joint resolution of the Legislature urging Utah's congressional delegation to  
12                   support Medicaid long-term care funding for home and community-based supports,  
13                   state flexibility to manage long-term care costs, and cost efficiency and individual  
14                   choice.

15                   **Highlighted Provisions:**

16                   This resolution:

- 17                   ▶ urges Utah's congressional delegation to support the continued shift of Medicaid
- 18                   long-term care funding toward home and community-based supports;
- 19                   ▶ urges the delegation to support providing states with the flexibility and tools needed
- 20                   to manage Medicaid long-term care costs in a fiscally responsible manner;
- 21                   ▶ urges the delegation to support providing Medicaid long-term care and supports in
- 22                   the most appropriate and cost-effective manner while maintaining individual choice;
- 23                   and
- 24                   ▶ urges the delegation to ensure the active participation of people with disabilities and
- 25                   older Americans in the ongoing design, implementation, and review of Medicaid's
- 26                   long-term care system.

27                   **Special Clauses:**



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30 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

31 WHEREAS, Utah's population is aging and Utahns with disabilities are living longer,  
32 healthier lives;

33 WHEREAS, thousands of Utahns with disabilities and older Utahns currently need or  
34 will need long-term care and support to live productive lives in their communities;

35 WHEREAS, facility-based care is a mandatory benefit and community-based supports  
36 are an optional benefit of Medicaid;

37 WHEREAS, long-term care accounts for over 25% of all of Utah Medicaid spending;

38 WHEREAS, nearly 60% of long-term care expenditures in Utah Medicaid are for  
39 facility-based care;

40 WHEREAS, facility-based care can be up to five times more expensive than  
41 community-based support;

42 WHEREAS, Utah Medicaid costs are growing at a rate of approximately 10% per year;

43 WHEREAS, the Utah Legislature's Medicaid Interim Committee is seeking  
44 recommendations for containing costs and increasing accountability; and

45 WHEREAS, Medicaid long-term care reform must be a cooperative effort among the  
46 federal and state government, the private sector, and the disability and elderly communities:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
48 urges Utah's congressional delegation to support the continued shift of Medicaid long-term care  
49 funding toward home and community-based supports.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges Utah's congressional  
51 delegation to support providing states with the flexibility and tools needed to manage Medicaid  
52 long-term care costs in a fiscally responsible manner.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges Utah's congressional  
54 delegation to support providing Medicaid long-term care and supports in the most appropriate  
55 and cost-effective manner while maintaining individual choice.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges Utah's congressional  
57 delegation to ensure the active participation of people with disabilities and older Americans in  
58 the ongoing design, implementation, and review of Medicaid's long-term care system.

59           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of  
60 Utah's congressional delegation, the members of the Utah Legislature's Medicaid Interim  
61 Committee, and the Disability Law Center.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**Fiscal Note**

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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