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Encouraging the Department of Medical Assistance Services to consider disease management of COPD.

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

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 whose prevalence and death rate are rising; and

WHEREAS, COPD is a chronic progressive disease that impacts almost 300,000 residents of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the annual cost to the nation for COPD in 2004 was estimated at \$37 billion; 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 cared for within public programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Department of Medical Assistance Services be encouraged to consider disease management of COPD in an effort to reduce the financial and clinical burden of COPD upon the Medicaid program and the citizens of Virginia.

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