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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 113

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Requesting the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to continue to implement managed care technologies in the provision of publicly funded mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services.

Patrons—Thomas, Bloxom, Christian, Clement, Cranwell, Croshaw, Darner, DeBoer, Deeds, Diamonstein, Dickinson, Hall, Jackson, Joannou, Johnson, Jones, J.C., Keating, Moran, Murphy, Phillips, Plum, Puller, Robinson, Spruill, Stump, Tate, Van Landingham, Van Yahres, Williams and Woodrum; Senator: Gartlan

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the need for and vast array of resultant services for mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services is growing each day; and

WHEREAS, while new treatments make it possible for more consumers of mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services to live independent lives, as well as provide a new quality of life for those who reside in institutions, it is inherent upon the Commonwealth to provide these services in a meaningful, cost efficient, and efficacious manner; and

WHEREAS, with the new emphasis on accountability and outcomes for the delivery of services, new technologies are necessary to implement such goals; and

WHEREAS, managed care technologies provide methods and tools to provide accurate and usable information and attain meaningful results; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services be urged to continue to explore and implement managed care technologies in the delivery of mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services to the citizens of the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services in order that he may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly in this matter.

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