



Resolution No. 515 (Puerto Rico A) - The Medicare and Medicaid Funding Shortage - Impact for Puerto Rico

ACTION TAKEN BY THE 2017 CONGRESS OF DELEGATES: SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED



The Board of Directors referred this resolution to the Commission on Governmental Advocacy. Please address questions to Teresa Baker at tbaker@aafp.org (<mailto:tbaker@aafp.org>).

Report as of 2/2018:

The commission recommended and the Board of Directors approved at its February 2018 meeting to recognize this resolution as consistent with AAFP Medicaid policy.

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Introduced by the Puerto Rico Chapter

Referred to the Reference Committee on Advocacy

WHEREAS, Puerto Rico has received a fixed federal matching rate of 55% in Medicaid funding, while the 50 states and the District of Columbia has received an adjustable rate of 50-83% based on the states' per capita income, and

WHEREAS, Puerto Rico's federal funding for health care is capped at \$321 million compared to the rest of the 50 states and District of Columbia which is uncapped, and

WHEREAS, the increasing needs of Puerto Rico's aging and underserved population results in exhaustion of allotted Medicare and Medicaid funding before the end of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the Medicare and Medicaid funding shortage has affected the quality and availability of the health care services to the population, and has contributed to Puerto Rico's financial crisis, and

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration identified this issue and proposed the elimination of the Medicare and Medicaid funding cap for Puerto Rico for the 2017 fiscal year, however, the proposal was never passed, now, therefore, be it

Substitute:

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support equal funding for Medicare and Medicaid in Puerto Rico and the U.S. territories similar to the 50 states and District of Columbia.

(Received 9/10/2017)

Original resolved clauses submitted to the Congress of Delegates deleted (please see substitute adopted above):

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support equal funding for Medicare and Medicaid in Puerto Rico similar to the 50 states and District of Columbia, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians write a letter to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to uncap Puerto Rico's federal Medicare and Medicaid funds.



ADD TO FAVORITES

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