

Senate Resolution 1175

By: Senator Burke of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Medicaid Care Management Organizations
2 Credentialing; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, states are increasingly adopting managed care as a response to growing
4 Medicaid expenditures; and

5 WHEREAS, credentialing is a necessary and critical first step in securing qualified
6 practitioners to render and manage care under Medicaid care management organizations; and

7 WHEREAS, federal regulations give states considerable latitude to create their own uniform
8 credentialing and recredentialing policies and procedures, and states are required to establish
9 uniform credentialing policies; and

10 WHEREAS, these requirements include a documented process for credentialing providers
11 that have signed contracts or participation agreements with Medicaid managed care entities;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, in Georgia, the lack of a standardized credentialing application for use in
14 credentialing providers creates increased paperwork and delay in the critical credentialing
15 process; and

16 WHEREAS, in Georgia, the credentialing application process often takes more than 120 days
17 and in some areas involves multiple applications; and

18 WHEREAS, because the credentialing process is a critical part of securing qualified
19 practitioners to render and manage care under care management organizations, it is crucial
20 to adopt and use effective policies; and

21 WHEREAS, a study is needed to establish a standardized credentialing application process
22 and to provide a reasonable application response time from the care management
23 organization and to provide for criteria for time extensions to such application response time.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
25 Study Committee on Medicaid Care Management Organizations Credentialing to be
26 composed of seven members to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President
27 of the Senate shall designate one of the appointees as chairperson. The committee shall meet
28 at the call of the chairperson.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
30 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
31 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
32 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
33 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
34 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. All agencies of the state are
35 directed to provide the committee with such assistance as the committee shall require to
36 perform its assigned duties. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and
37 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be
38 made on or before December 1, 2014, at which time the committee shall stand abolished.