
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 25, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2016 as "Check Your Health
2 Insurance Coverage Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Yearly open enrollment periods for commercial health
4 care plans typically begin in October or November, when
5 consumers can enroll in a new health insurance plan or renew an
6 existing plan; and

7 WHEREAS, Consumers often choose a health care plan based on
8 whether their provider is in-network, coverage of a particular
9 prescription and cost-sharing; and

10 WHEREAS, Consumers expect to have access to the providers,
11 services and medications that meet their individual medical
12 needs throughout the plan year; and

13 WHEREAS, Ensuring that a plan meets a patient's needs is
14 particularly important for patients with certain chronic
15 conditions, many of whom have been through years of trial and
16 error with their physicians to find the therapy that is the most
17 effective with the least amount of side effects; and

1 WHEREAS, Cost-sharing associated formulary placement impacts
2 the financial burden on enrollees, and treatment interruptions
3 can negatively impact an individual's health; and

4 WHEREAS, Reminding consumers to review their health insurance
5 plans in October ensures that their coverage is consistent with
6 their medical and financial needs; and

7 WHEREAS, During open enrollment, consumers with inadequate
8 coverage may select a health care plan that covers the
9 medications they need at a level they can afford from the
10 provider they trust; and

11 WHEREAS, Health insurers throughout this Commonwealth provide
12 education materials during the month of October to remind
13 consumers to "Check Your Health Insurance Coverage" before
14 renewing the plan or enrolling in a new plan; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
16 month of October 2016 as "Check Your Health Insurance Coverage
17 Month" in Pennsylvania.