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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO
REJECT ANY UNITED HEALTHCARE PROPOSAL THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE
PROVISIONS FOR MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH LANDMARK
MEDICAL CENTER

Introduced By: Senators Picard, Cote, Ottiano, Lombardi, and Cool Rumsey

Date Introduced: April 30, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Prime Healthcare Services purchased the Landmark Medical Center and the
2 Rehabilitation Hospital of Rhode Island in December of 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, Currently, United Healthcare is negotiating a new contract with Prime
4 Healthcare and Landmark concerning payments for services incurred by those persons insured
5 under United; and

6 WHEREAS, The Landmark Medical Center serves residents of northern Rhode Island
7 communities and in 2013, had approximately 21,000 visits from 8,100 United subscribers,
8 resulting in revenue of approximately \$22 million for Landmark; and

9 WHEREAS, Landmark has not had an increase in payments from United since 2010, and
10 is paid the lowest amount for medical services of any hospital in this state; and

11 WHEREAS, The United Healthcare insurance company is also currently negotiating a
12 new contract with the Rhode Island Department of Health (DOH) for medical services to various
13 state employees. The current proposal, offered by United, would result in the elimination of
14 Landmark Medical Center from the provider's network and the loss of services from 52
15 physicians in the northern part of the state; and

16 WHEREAS, The financial impact from the loss of United revenue to Landmark would be
17 catastrophic to both the Center and the community and the reduction in accessibility of healthcare
18 and the severance of long-standing patient-doctor relationships for local area residents is

1 unconscionable; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby respectfully requests the Department of Health to reject any United proposal that does not
4 include provisions for medical services rendered through Landmark Medical Center; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Governor Lincoln Chafee and Michael Fine,
8 MD, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health.

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