

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Expressing support for access to patient-centered and family focused advance care planning.

WHEREAS, advance care planning is an approach that includes palliative care and care coordination with a patient and family focus and an emphasis on maximizing health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, palliative care administered throughout the continuum of illness involves addressing physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs and facilitating patient autonomy and access to information; and

WHEREAS, all patients should be offered advance care planning and patients who are experiencing complex, chronic conditions that are affecting their health and well-being should also be offered palliative care as an option; and

WHEREAS, advance care planning can be executed by any competent person and expresses a person's preferences regarding future treatment; and

WHEREAS, Provider Orders for Scope of Treatment (POST) is one tool to use along the continuum of advance care planning, translating a patient's goals and wishes for treatment into an actionable medical order when life-limiting disease and irreversible conditions are present; and

WHEREAS, POST is completed in the context of advance care planning in a manner that allows both the provider and the patient to participate in the healing process; and

WHEREAS, there is a responsibility to ensure the public is educated regarding the importance of advance care planning; and

WHEREAS, South Dakotans are increasingly facing new caregiving roles for loved ones with serious illness; and

WHEREAS, educating South Dakotans regarding the benefits of advance care planning and palliative care optimizes the health and well-being of patients being treated by caregivers and our health care workforce:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature hereby

recognizes the importance of advance care planning to patient health and well-being and encourages health professionals, patients, and state health stakeholders, including the members of the Legislature, to participate in discussions to develop solutions, tools, and model best practices for providing better patient-centered and family focused care to individuals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of the senate transmits a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the South Dakota Department of Health, the South Dakota Department of Human Services, and the South Dakota State Medical Association.

Adopted by the Senate,  
Concurred in by the House of Representatives,

February 2, 2018  
February 6, 2018

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President of the Senate

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