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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Health Alliance Medical Plan was one of the many
3 bidders who sought to gain a contract to perform services under
4 the State's Medicare Advantage program; Health Alliance
5 Medical Plan's bid was more cost-effective than all other
6 competing bids, which were 24% to 120% higher than Health
7 Alliance Medical Plan's bid; and

8 WHEREAS, Health Alliance Medical Plan is the top-rated
9 Medicare Advantage Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)
10 product and Medicare Advantage Preferred Provider Organization
11 product in Illinois by Consumer Reports Magazine; the Health
12 Alliance Medicare HMO is ranked #1 in Illinois for member
13 satisfaction and effectiveness of care by the National
14 Committee for Quality Assurance; and

15 WHEREAS, The Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
16 Services has given Health Alliance Medical Plan 4 1/2 stars out
17 of 5 for quality; and

18 WHEREAS, Health Alliance Medical Plan has excellent
19 accreditation status from the National Committee for Quality
20 Assurance; and

21 WHEREAS, Taxpayers could have saved an estimated

1 \$60,000,000 to \$280,000,000 over 10 years if Health Alliance
2 Medical Plan had been awarded a contract to provide services
3 under the new State of Illinois Medicare Advantage Plan; and

4 WHEREAS, Questionable bidding practices led to the
5 selection of certain providers, resulting in less savings to
6 taxpayers; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Governor to
9 implement a regional HMO under the new Medicare Advantage Plan;
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 delivered to Governor Pat Quinn.