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Res. No. 1354

Resolution calling upon Congress to pass H.R. 3533, also known as “The Public and Teaching Hospital Preservation Act.”

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Whereas, In January 2007, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) proposed Medicaid regulations to cut at least \$4 billion in Medicaid funding for hospitals nationwide over five years; and

Whereas, In May of 2007, CMS also issued a proposed regulation that would impose a new policy to not match payments for graduate medical education (GME) activities, meaning that hospitals would not receive federal Medicaid matching payments for services provided by graduate medical students; and

Whereas, The proposed ruling represents an abrupt and major reversal of long-standing Medicaid policy that has historically and consistently matched Medicaid payments to states using such; and

Whereas, Permitting these rules to take effect would drastically alter the Federal- State financial partnership between Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Programs; and

Whereas, In addition, major teaching hospitals and faculty practice groups service a disproportionately large volume of Medicaid recipients and this new regulation would threaten their ability to provide services; and

Whereas, At the time the CMS proposed these changes, Congress voted to place a one-year moratorium on the implementation of these drastic regulations; and

Whereas, The current one-year moratorium is set to expire in May of 2008, thus action is urgently needed to extend this moratorium; and

Whereas, In September 2007, Rep. Eliot Engel, introduced H.R. 3553, also known as “The Public and

Teaching Hospital Preservation Act;” and

Whereas, The Public and Teaching Hospital Preservation Act would extend this moratorium for an additional one year period; and

Whereas, H.R. 3533 has vast bi-partisan support with 234 co-sponsors, as well as the support of numerous hospitals and health systems throughout the country; and

Whereas, According to H.R. 3553, “extension of the moratorium is necessary to effectuate Congressional intent;” and

Whereas, By extending the moratorium for another year, until May 2009, Congress will have time to conduct thoughtful analysis and carefully consider and address the long-reaching impact such cuts in funding would have on public hospitals and the people they are meant to serve; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon Congress to pass H.R. 3533, also known as “The Public and Teaching Hospital Preservation Act.”

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