

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Chronic disease is recognized as the leading cause  
2 of disability and death in the United States; and

3           WHEREAS, Each year, chronic disease claims 1.7 million lives  
4 in our nation, representing 70 percent of all deaths; such chronic  
5 illnesses as heart disease, stroke, cancer, respiratory disease,  
6 and diabetes are among the most prevalent, costly, and preventable  
7 of all health problems; and

8           WHEREAS, The inefficient coordination of care for people with  
9 chronic conditions has led to both higher costs and poorer health  
10 outcomes for the most vulnerable populations; for example, 8 out of  
11 10 of the top one percent of Medicaid utilizers have at least three  
12 chronic conditions, and 6 out of 10 have five or more chronic  
13 conditions; and

14           WHEREAS, The issue is even more prevalent among the elderly  
15 or disabled who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid; this  
16 dual-eligible population accounts for 38 percent of Medicaid  
17 spending overall, and the average participant has five physicians,  
18 more than four conditions, and more than five prescribers; and

19           WHEREAS, Care coordination supports information-sharing  
20 across providers and involves consumers in their own health care,  
21 helping to ensure that the preferences of patients are respected  
22 and that their needs are met; moreover, such coordination promotes  
23 efficient, high-quality care and allows for implementing  
24 prevention programs around multiple chronic conditions, which can

1 help states reduce the overall financial burden of chronic illness  
2 within Medicaid and Medicare, as well as in the health insurance  
3 coverage of state employees; and

4 WHEREAS, The health and well-being of the public is a matter  
5 of vital importance, and chronic care coordination can improve  
6 quality of life while reducing the high cost of medical treatment;  
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
9 Legislature hereby express support for chronic care coordination  
10 and encourage the adoption of evidence-based strategies to prevent,  
11 postpone, and treat chronic diseases.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1895 was adopted by the House on May 15, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House