

A Proposed Non-Binding Resolution for the U.S. Congress

Whereas raising a family is one of the most important responsibilities of any person, regardless of their position or stature in life, deserving the full support of their government, and

Whereas providing proper pre-natal care to pregnant women has a tremendous impact on the lives of their children, and

Whereas the long-term health of any person is highly dependent on the care they receive in the first years of their lives, and

Whereas the health care of infants and children should never be dependent on the employment status or benefits of their parents, and

Whereas the United States is the only industrialized nation that does not guarantee health care for its most vulnerable citizens,

Be it resolved that the United States should adopt a National Health Program for Infants and Children (NHPIC), in which

All pregnant women who are American citizens shall be automatically enrolled in the NHPIC, and shall receive care up to 90 days following the end of their pregnancy, and

All American children shall be automatically enrolled in the NHPIC from the moment of their birth, and shall receive care up to the age of six, and

Any health-care treatment facility that receives any form of federal funding shall be required to accept and treat any participant in the NHPIC, and

All available treatment options shall be informed by a published list of standard accepted practices maintained by the National Institute of Health, and

No accepted treatment suggested by a licensed health-care practitioner shall be subject to the approval of any agent of the NHPIC for any reason, and

All enrolled participants shall pay a nominal per-visit charge to a licensed health-care treatment facility, shall pay a nominal fee for any prescription, and

Reimbursement for all treatments and prescriptions beyond these nominal fees shall be negotiated solely by care providers and the NHPIC without involving the patients or their families.