
HOUSE RESOLUTION

DECLARING THE SECOND WEEK IN OCTOBER AS CASE MANAGEMENT WEEK.

1 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has defined "health"
2 as "a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being
3 and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity;" and
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5 WHEREAS, the issues of health and access to healthcare have
6 been the topic of much current debate both on a national and
7 state level; and
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9 WHEREAS, the modern healthcare environment is a maze of
10 complex medical, social, and fiscal considerations; and
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12 WHEREAS, case management is a collaborative process that
13 includes assessment, planning, facilitation, and advocacy for
14 options and services, to meet an individual's health needs; and
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16 WHEREAS, case managers provide critical services on a daily
17 basis to help patients and their caregivers navigate the modern
18 healthcare landscape to better achieve their healthcare goals;
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21 WHEREAS, while pursuing their primary goal of effective
22 patient care, case managers advocate for patient needs, develop
23 an individualized plan of care, coordinate services between
24 providers, and facilitate the scheduling of services; and
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26 WHEREAS, in addition to helping patients achieve wellness
27 and autonomy, case managers are also adept at ensuring that
28 available resources are being used in a timely and cost-
29 effective manner to obtain optimum value for both the client and
30 the reimbursement source; and

31 WHEREAS, case management has grown substantially as a
32 profession over the past decade, with over 40,000 practitioners
33 holding a Certified Case Manager credential; and
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1 WHEREAS, case managers can be found in multiple settings
 2 including government agencies, health insurance companies,
 3 hospitals, and private managed care companies; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 6 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 7 of 2010, that the second week in October, beginning with Sunday,
 8 be designated "Case Management Week," to recognize the case
 9 management profession as a unique and effective way to mobilize
 10 resources to promote cost-effective, quality outcomes for a wide
 11 range of populations with varied healthcare needs; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this celebratory week should
 14 include activities that recognize the contributions and
 15 commitments case managers make to their clients, in addition to
 16 educating the public, caregivers, healthcare industry, and
 17 elected officials about the significant work performed by these
 18 dedicated healthcare professionals; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 21 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,
 22 Director of Human Services, and the Hawaii Chapter of the Case
 23 Management Society of America.
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