

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6
BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 INSURANCE CONSULT WITH INSURANCE INDUSTRY LEADERS TO DETERMINE HOW TO
4 MAKE MEDICALLY NECESSARY PRESCRIPTION FORMULA AVAILABLE TO INFANTS AND
5 CHILDREN IN IDAHO.

6 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 WHEREAS, sufficient nutrition is critical to child health and develop-
8 ment; and

9 WHEREAS, many infants and children, due to health conditions, are un-
10 able to ingest, digest, absorb, or metabolize ordinary food or certain nu-
11 trients and therefore rely on medically necessary prescription formula to
12 meet their dietary needs; and

13 WHEREAS, such health conditions include eosinophilic esophagitis,
14 Crohn's disease, malnutrition or failure to thrive, seizure disorders re-
15 quiring a ketogenic diet, and conditions that require tube feeding; and

16 WHEREAS, medically necessary prescription formula can cost in excess of
17 \$2,000 per month, which is prohibitively expensive for some families; and

18 WHEREAS, Idaho infants and children in need of medically necessary pre-
19 scription formula and their families would benefit by having this essential
20 health intervention covered by insurance.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
22 sion of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
23 the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature requests that the De-
24 partment of Insurance consult with leaders in the insurance industry to de-
25 termine how to make medically necessary prescription formula available to
26 Idaho infants and children suffering from eosinophilic esophagitis, Crohn's
27 disease, malnutrition or failure to thrive, seizure disorders requiring a
28 ketogenic diet, conditions requiring tube feeding, and other conditions in
29 which medically necessary prescription formula is a recommended treatment.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that the Depart-
31 ment of Insurance collect data and ascertain the costs for including cover-
32 age of medically necessary prescription formula in private insurance plans
33 and, further, that the department determine any impact on the Idaho General
34 Fund for the addition of this benefit.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Insurance and leaders in
36 the insurance industry report their findings and recommendations, if any, to
37 the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature.