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**Giving older veterans choice in health care and permitting the Department of Veterans Affairs to retain third party reimbursements, including Medicare**

- 1 WHEREAS millions of older veterans are denied the freedom of choosing the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as their Medicare provider because Federal law precludes the VA from participating in, collecting, or retaining Medicare reimbursements; and
- 2 WHEREAS, while the VA can collect other third party funds for medical care, Federal law does not allow the retention of those funds for the purpose of expansion of eligibility and provision of equity of access to medical care in the VA system;

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 1995 White House Conference on Aging to support policies that:***

- 3 Allow the Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities, by changing Federal laws and regulations, to become Medicare providers and to collect and retain all third-party reimbursements for the purpose of expanding access to medical care services, particularly to older, Medicare-eligible veterans.



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