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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Crosby

A HOUSE RESOLUTION to consider the impact of inadequate resources on the implementation of the Hoosier Assurance Plan.

Whereas, the Indiana Commission on Mental Health was created in 1994 by the Indiana General Assembly; and

Whereas, the Commission reviewed and made specific recommendations regarding the provision of mental health services delivered by the community managed care providers and state operated hospitals; and

Whereas, the Commission's recommendations included an additional appropriation to lessen the gap between what is provided and what is needed; and

Whereas, neither the Family and Social Services



Administration nor the Budget Agency followed the recommendations of the Commission; and

Whereas, the lack of necessary funding and services will have a negative impact on consumers of mental health services as well as the service delivery system; and

Whereas, the Indiana General Assembly will consider the impact of inadequate resources on the implementation of the Hoosier Assurance Plan; and

Whereas, the Indiana General Assembly shall reconsider, review and make recommendations regarding the following, given an inadequately funded system:

- 1) accessibility of services
- 2) any unmet need for services in rural geographic areas in Indiana
- 3) the prioritization of service provision
- 4) consumer choice in therapists
- 5) the need, feasibility, and desirability of including additional organizations in the network of managed care providers
- 6) the method and timing by which providers are reimbursed

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly shall make a recommendation, in a final report by October 1, 1999, regarding a multi-year funding plan for the Hoosier Assurance Plan in accordance with the Mercer report.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives transmit a copy of this House Resolution to Representative Crosby.

