

CS/H 350 PATIENT PROTECTION ACT

April 10, 1997

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 64

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 350, as amended, enacted by the Forty-Third Legislature, First Session, 1997.

This legislation would have enacted the "Patient Protection Act" which would have imposed new regulatory requirements on health care insurers which ultimately may translate into higher premiums. The act also provides overly severe penalties against insurance companies which violate its provisions. Issues between insurance plans and their customers should be resolved through negotiation, rather than strict regulation by the state.

CS/H 351 MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ACT

April 11, 1997

~~**HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 72**~~

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUE FOR HOUSE BILL 351, as amended, enacted by the Forty-Third Legislature, First Session, 1997.

This legislation would mandate that certain health care providers get managed care contracts. Additionally, it would mandate the rates these providers receive. These mandates would create managed care inefficiencies which would eliminate any savings that will be achieved by Salud! Medicaid Managed care. Further, the bill would leave behavioral health and related services out of managed care and thereby force the Human Services Department to restart the procurement process losing valuable time and savings.

H 352 REPEAL MEDICAID MANAGED CARE

April 11, 1997

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 73

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 352, enacted by the Forty-Third Legislature, First Session, 1997.