

CS/H 671 MEDICAL NECESSITY ACT

April 6, 2001

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 101

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 671, as amended enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill would create in statute criteria to be used in determining "medical necessity" with respect to decisions about authorizing health care services. The term "medical necessity" is at the heart of Salud! Medicaid Managed Care in that it relates directly to when and what type of health care is provided depending on the specific situation. This is yet another attempt to hamper the Department of Human Service's operation of Salud! Medicaid Managed Care by limiting their ability to make decisions on a daily basis and in turn allow them to provide the most cost effective and highest level of service to their clients.

H 689 TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM PILOT

April 6, 2001

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 96

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 689, as amended, with emergency clause enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This legislation continues the public school transportation formula development and implements a pilot transportation management information system. The bill appropriates \$200,000 from the transportation emergency fund to the state department of education for two years for those purposes.

The Legislative Education Study Committee and the State Transportation Director want formula refinements made to accommodate roadway miles, elevation, high fuel costs and charter school transportation impact on a district. Oversight of this project would be provided by the State Department of Education. While continuing modifications to the state school transportation funding formula is prudent, such changes can best be provided by current staff and financial resources.