

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO INITIATE A PROGRAM OF
ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY IN RURAL AREAS OF NEW
MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the "program of all-inclusive care for the
elderly", also called PACE, provides acute, primary and long-
term care and social and support services to frail elders who
qualify for nursing facility placement, but prefer to remain
in their own homes; and

WHEREAS, PACE services allow participants to stay in
their homes; and

WHEREAS, a PACE program known as St. Joseph senior care
is successfully providing services to up to three hundred
fifty frail elders in Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, PACE programs provide comprehensive health and
long-term care services at lower cost than can nursing homes;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, the frail elderly consortium, in its efforts to
3 develop innovative home and community-based alternatives to
4 traditional institutional long-term care, supports the
5 creation of a rural PACE program;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health be
8 requested to initiate a PACE program in a rural community of
9 New Mexico within fiscal year 2001; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the secretary of health.

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