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HOUSE MEMORIAL 3

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 200**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION TO ASSESS  
THE FEASIBILITY OF A MANAGED CARE PLAN BASED ON THE STATEWIDE  
NETWORK OF FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CARE CENTERS AND RURAL  
CLINICS.

WHEREAS, twenty-one percent of all New Mexicans and  
nearly twenty-eight percent of adult New Mexicans are without  
health insurance, with most declaring affordability as the  
major cause; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has an extensive statewide network  
of federally qualified health care centers and rural health  
clinics supported by federal, state and local government  
resources that provide a safety net for the low-income  
uninsured; and

WHEREAS, fifteen percent of adult New Mexicans identify  
these community clinics as their primary source of health  
care; and

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1           WHEREAS, the first session of the forty-fourth  
2 legislature directed the New Mexico health policy commission,  
3 in House Joint Memorial 18, to develop a strategic plan for  
4 publicly funded health care to further the state health  
5 policy;

6           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New  
8 Mexico health policy commission include consideration of the  
9 development of a managed care plan based on services provided  
10 through federally qualified health care centers and rural  
11 health clinics as part of the strategic plan to further state  
12 health policy as requested in House Joint Memorial 18; and

13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico health policy  
14 commission consider various options to leverage resources,  
15 including the state children's health insurance program  
16 community based waiver option, disproportionate share  
17 payments for indigent care, critical access hospital  
18 designation, federal health care finance administration  
19 waivers and various risk sharing mechanisms; and

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health,  
21 the human services department and the insurance division of  
22 the public regulation commission be consulted by and provide  
23 technical assistance to the New Mexico health policy  
24 commission; and

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico health policy  
commission report its findings and recommendations to the  
legislative health and human services committee and the

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1 legislative finance committee by October 1, 2000; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
3 sent to the New Mexico health policy commission, the  
4 department of health, the human services department and the  
5 superintendent of insurance of the public regulation  
6 commission.

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