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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION, THE STATE AGENCY ON AGING, THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND OTHERS TO WORK TOGETHER TO STUDY AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON LOW MEDICARE RATES AND UNFAIR METHODOLOGY.

WHEREAS, the present methodology used by the federal government to determine medicare payment rates results in disproportionately low rates for health care providers in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the resulting low medicare rates place a significant financial burden on New Mexico health care providers and result in limited access to services by medicare patients in urban and especially rural areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, low medicare rates are causing an exodus of

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1 health care providers from the state; and

2 WHEREAS, the existing medicare methodology is inherently  
3 unfair, inequitable and discriminating;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative finance committee,  
6 the department of health, the human services department, the  
7 New Mexico health policy commission, the office of the  
8 attorney general, the state agency on aging, New Mexico  
9 health plans and health care provider associations work  
10 cooperatively to study and develop recommendations to resolve  
11 issues related to low medicare rates and the unfair,  
12 inequitable and discriminatory medicare methodology; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that their findings and  
14 recommendations be presented to the legislative finance  
15 committee, the New Mexico legislative council and the office  
16 of the governor by October 15, 2000; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
18 transmitted to the legislative finance committee and its  
19 chair, the New Mexico legislative council, the New Mexico  
20 congressional delegation, the director of the health care  
21 financing administration, the secretary of the United States  
22 health and human services department, the New Mexico attorney  
23 general, the secretary of health, the secretary of human  
24 services, the chairman of the state agency on aging, the  
25 chairman of the New Mexico health policy commission and  
representatives of New Mexico health plans and health care  
provider associations.

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