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1           WHEREAS, these assistance programs generally necessitate  
2 health care providers' involvement to complete application  
3 paperwork; and

4           WHEREAS, using these programs can be cumbersome and  
5 difficult for the provider due to the complexity of the  
6 applications and often consume valuable staff time; and

7           WHEREAS, the application forms that must be completed  
8 differ significantly by manufacturer, thus further  
9 complicating the process of application for both patients and  
10 providers; and

11           WHEREAS, the process of applying for patient assistance  
12 programs may be so confusing for patients that they are unable  
13 to avail themselves of the benefits of the programs;

14           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state agency on aging work with  
16 pharmaceutical manufacturing companies to develop a simple,  
17 uniform application for participation in free drug programs  
18 for low-income populations; and

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state agency on aging  
20 work with the statewide medical association, the New Mexico  
21 board of medical examiners and various senior citizen groups  
22 to implement a user pilot program to help low-income seniors  
23 obtain free prescription drugs; and

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state agency on aging  
25 report its progress on the project to the interim legislative

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1 health and human services committee at its October 2002  
2 meeting; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
4 sent to the legislative health and human services committee,  
5 the state agency on aging, the New Mexico board of medical  
6 examiners and other appropriate organizations.

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