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HOUSE BILL 217

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

EDWARD C. SANDOVAL

FOR THE HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE

AN ACT

CREATING THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE; MAKING AN  
APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE CREATED--TERMINATION. --

There is created a joint interim legislative task force, which shall be known as the "health care task force". The task force shall function from the date of its appointment until the first day of December prior to the first session of the forty-fourth legislature.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP--APPOINTMENT--VACANCIES. --

A. The health care task force shall be composed of twelve voting legislative members and ten voting nonlegislative members. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint six members of the house of representatives, one of whom

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1 shall be the chairman or vice chairman of the legislative health  
2 and human services committee, and the president pro tempore of  
3 the senate shall appoint six members of the senate, one of whom  
4 shall be the chairman or vice chairman of the legislative health  
5 and human services committee. The speaker of the house of  
6 representatives and the president pro tempore of the senate  
7 shall designate the chairman and vice chairman of the task  
8 force.

9 B. Members of the health care task force shall be  
10 appointed from each house to give the two major political  
11 parties in each house the same proportional representation on  
12 the task force as prevails in each house; however, in no event  
13 shall either party have less than one member from each house on  
14 the task force. Vacancies on the task force shall be filled by  
15 appointment in the same manner as the original appointments.

16 C. No action shall be taken by the health care task  
17 force if a majority of the total membership from either house on  
18 the health care task force rejects such action.

19 D. The nonlegislative members of the health care  
20 task force who do not serve ex officio shall be appointed by the  
21 speaker of the house of representatives and the president pro  
22 tempore of the senate as follows:

23 (1) two public members representing the  
24 business community, one representing small employers and one  
25 representing large employers;

1 (2) a public member who is an attorney with  
2 expertise in the area of health care;

3 (3) a health care reform advocate; and

4 (4) two members of a Native American nation,  
5 tribe or pueblo of this state.

6 E. The additional nonlegislative members shall be:

7 (1) the secretary of human services or the  
8 secretary's designee;

9 (2) the secretary of health or the secretary's  
10 designee;

11 (3) a representative of the New Mexico health  
12 policy commission; and

13 (4) the superintendent of insurance or the  
14 superintendent's designee.

15 F. Members may vote on all matters before the health  
16 care task force, but only voting legislative members may vote on  
17 proposed legislation.

18 G. The public members shall be paid per diem and  
19 mileage in accordance with the provisions of the Per Diem and  
20 Mileage Act.

21 H. Additionally, the chairman and vice chairman,  
22 with approval of the speaker of the house of representatives and  
23 the president pro tempore of the senate, may appoint an advisory  
24 group to the task force that includes representatives of the  
25 aging population with expertise in long-term care, health care

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1 providers, the university of New Mexico health sciences center,  
2 the New Mexico medical society, the New Mexico hospital and  
3 health systems association, the nursing profession, the  
4 association of counties, the municipal league, community-based  
5 providers, the insurance industry, consumers, employers, the  
6 workers' compensation administration, the retiree health care  
7 authority, the public school insurance authority and the risk  
8 management division of the general services department.

9 Section 3. DUTIES. --After the health care task force  
10 members are appointed, the task force shall hold one  
11 organizational meeting to develop a work plan and budget for the  
12 ensuing interim. The work plan and budget shall be submitted to  
13 the legislative council for approval. Upon approval of the work  
14 plan and budget by the legislative council, the task force shall  
15 review health care reform issues, including making efforts to:

16 A. facilitate an ongoing partnership between the  
17 legislative and executive branches and bring together various  
18 groups working on health care reforms to:

- 19 (1) improve the health status of New Mexicans;
- 20 (2) enhance access to medical services with a  
21 commitment to protecting vulnerable populations;
- 22 (3) strengthen the currently existing local  
23 health care infrastructure, both private and public, to assure  
24 appropriate access to needed services;
- 25 (4) protect the quality of health care from

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1 erosion for cost savings; and

2 (5) improve the efficiency of health care  
3 delivery;

4 B. consider and investigate the supply and  
5 distribution of the state's health professional work force to  
6 determine what providers and infrastructure are necessary for  
7 health care delivery, including the development of priorities  
8 for geographic access of health care service in the state to  
9 revise the composition of health professionals to meet the  
10 health care service needs of the state;

11 C. investigate legal and regulatory issues affecting  
12 the health care industry, including the use of integrated health  
13 plans for the medicaid managed care program;

14 D. oversee developments to the health information  
15 system, including the efforts of the health information  
16 alliance, the initiation of confidential health information and  
17 patient privacy legislation and consumer report cards;

18 E. investigate the role of the university of New  
19 Mexico health sciences center regarding its service mission as a  
20 vital education institution in the state and its role in filling  
21 the gaps of health care service where the private sector is  
22 unable to deliver service;

23 F. create and sustain an ongoing dialogue with  
24 representatives from New Mexico Indian nations, tribes and  
25 pueblos to discuss health care issues related to Native American

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1 people, the role of the Indian health service as a provider of  
2 health care services and the integration of the medicaid managed  
3 care program with the Indian health service and Indian  
4 communities;

5 G. provide legislative oversight on the  
6 implementation of health care reform measures, health care  
7 delivery and payment proposals and changes in federal and state  
8 law that impact health care reform programs that become law; and

9 H. recommend legislation or changes if any are found  
10 to be necessary to the first and second sessions of the forty-  
11 third legislature and to the first session of the forty-fourth  
12 legislature.

13 Section 4. SUBCOMMITTEES.--Subcommittees shall be created  
14 only by majority vote of all members appointed to the health  
15 care task force and with the prior approval of the legislative  
16 council. A subcommittee shall be composed of at least one  
17 member from the senate and one member from the house of  
18 representatives, and at least one member of the minority party  
19 shall be a member of the subcommittee. All meetings and  
20 expenditures of a subcommittee shall be approved by the full  
21 task force in advance of such meeting or expenditure, and the  
22 approval shall be shown in the minutes of the task force.

23 Section 5. REPORT.--The health care task force shall make  
24 a report of its findings and recommendations for the  
25 consideration of the first and second sessions of the forty-

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1 third legislature and the first session of the forty-fourth  
2 legislature. The reports and suggested legislation shall be  
3 made available to the legislative council, the legislative  
4 finance committee, the legislative health and human services  
5 committee and the New Mexico health policy commission on or  
6 before November 30 preceding each session.

7 Section 6. STAFF.--The staff for the health care task  
8 force shall be provided by the legislative council service, and  
9 the staff of the New Mexico health policy commission shall  
10 assist the health care task force as requested. The legislative  
11 council service at the direction of the task force may hire  
12 additional staff as necessary and may contract with experts,  
13 including economists, actuaries and the bureau of business and  
14 economic research at the university of New Mexico, to assist the  
15 task force in carrying out its tasks.

16 Section 7. APPROPRIATION.--For the purpose of paying the  
17 salaries and expenses of the technical, professional, legal,  
18 clerical and stenographic assistants; for necessary equipment  
19 and supplies used in carrying out the provisions of this act;  
20 for travel expenses for staff and task force members; and for  
21 reimbursing the per diem and mileage expenses of the health care  
22 task force, there is appropriated to the legislative council  
23 service from the general fund the sum of one hundred twenty-five  
24 thousand dollars (\$125,000) for expenditure in fiscal year 1997.  
25 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of

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1 fiscal year 1997 shall revert to the general fund. Payments  
2 from the appropriation shall be made upon vouchers signed by the  
3 director of the legislative council service or the director's  
4 authorized representative.

5 Section 8. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
6 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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# State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

January 25, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 217

has had it under consideration and finds same to be  
GERMANE in accordance with constitutional provisions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Barbara A. Perea Casey,

Chairperson

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Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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4 The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

5 Yes: 10

6 Excused: Luna, Pederson, Rodella, R. G. Sanchez, J. G. Taylor

7 Absent: None

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**State of New Mexico  
House of Representatives**

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 1, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 217

has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 4, line 15, strike "making efforts".

2. On page 4, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following  
new subsection to read:

"A. develop plans for health care delivery and payment  
systems designed to provide universal health care coverage for all  
New Mexicans by October 1, 1997;".

3. Reletter the succeeding subsections accordingly.

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4. On page 5, line 11, after "investigate" insert  
"economic",  
and thence referred to the APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE  
COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary K. King, Chairman

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Yes: 7  
No: Dolliver, Hawkins, Vaughn  
Excused: Sandel  
Absent: None

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# State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 8, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 217, as amended

has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, lines 11 and 12, strike "MAKING AN  
APPROPRIATION;".
2. On pages 7 and 8, strike Section 7.
3. Renumber the succeeding section accordingly.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Max Coll, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

Excused: Bird, Buffett, Coll, Gentry, Martinez, Salazar, Varela,  
Watchman

Absent: none

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February 11, 1996

Mr. President:

Your FINANCE COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 217, as amended

has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

- 1. Strike House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee

Amendments 1 through 4.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ben D. Altamirano, Chairman

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Yes: 8

No: 0

Excused: Doni sthorpe, Duran, Ingle, Kidd, Kysar

Absent: None

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HOUSE BILL 217, as amended

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Amendments 1 through 4.

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Ben D. Altamirano, Chairman

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Yes: 8

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Excused: Doni sthorpe, Duran, Ingle, Kidd, Kysar

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