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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 8
42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
1996

INTRODUCED BY
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FOR THE HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE AND THE LEGISLATIVE
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO REPORT ON PROVIDER
RATE FEE INCREASES AND OTHER OPTIONS TO ENSURE ADEQUATE SERVICE
OF MEDICAID PATIENTS THROUGHOUT NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the medicaid program meets critical needs by
providing medical services to the poor and most disadvantaged
members of the state; and

WHEREAS, the state has an ongoing interest in ensuring that
medicaid services are provided in an efficient and timely manner
to all eligible persons throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, problems persist in ensuring that medicaid
services are reasonably available on a fair participation basis
from health care providers to all eligible New Mexicans
throughout the state; and

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1 WHEREAS, health care providers have noted chronic payment
2 problems with the amount and timing of reimbursements provided
3 through the medicaid program, inhibiting participation by
4 providers; and

5 WHEREAS, the 1995 New Mexico state legislature appropriated
6 four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to the human services
7 department to increase reimbursement rate fees for medicaid
8 providers, to increase payments as a modifier add-on to
9 physicians serving medicaid patients in medically underserved
10 areas and to increase reimbursement rate fees for dentists
11 participating in the medicaid program; and

12 WHEREAS, the governor vetoed language directing that the
13 four million dollars (\$4,000,000) appropriated in 1995 by the
14 New Mexico state legislature to the human services department be
15 used specifically to increase reimbursement rate fees for
16 medicaid providers, to provide for increased payments as a
17 modifier add-on to physicians serving medicaid patients in
18 medically underserved areas and to increase reimbursements to
19 dentists in the medicaid program; and

20 WHEREAS, the effect of the governor's veto was to
21 appropriate four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to the human
22 services department for medicaid providers, without restriction;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the human services department testified before the
25 1995 legislative interim health care task force that it planned

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1 to implement a dental fee increase effective October 1995 and a
2 physician fee increase effective January 1996, pending
3 expenditure trends; and

4 WHEREAS, if voluntary efforts and fee increases to
5 providers do not result in ensuring that medicaid services are
6 reasonably available to all eligible New Mexicans throughout the
7 state, then mandatory measures such as requiring medicaid
8 services by providers as a condition of licensure may be
9 necessary;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human services department report to
12 the appropriate interim legislative committee by October 1, 1996
13 on the effect of increased reimbursement rate fees for dentists
14 and physicians on recruiting and maintaining more providers for
15 the medicaid program and on the need for mandatory programs or
16 other options to increase participation by health care providers
17 in the medicaid program; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent
19 to the secretary of human services.

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

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

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Barbara A. Perea Casey,

Chairperson

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Not Adopted _____

(Chief Clerk)

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 9 For 1 Against

Yes: 9

No: Nicely

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

Absent: None

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FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 1, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

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

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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Respectfully submitted,

Gary K. King, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Abeyta, Sandel, Vigil

Absent: None

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**FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION, 1996**

February 5, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

**Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred**

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**has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.**

Respectfully submitted,

Max Coll, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

No: none

Excused: Bird, Buffett, Casey, Picraux, Reyes, Townsend, Varela,
Saavedra

Absent: none

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February 13, 1996

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10 Mr. President:

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Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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recommendation that it DO PASS.

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Gloria Howes, Chairman

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Yes: 5

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Excused: EJennings, Doni sthorpe, Aragon

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Absent: 0

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