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HOUSE MEMORIAL 10

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE  
APPROPRIATE INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO STUDY AND REVIEW  
ISSUES RELATED TO MANAGED CARE IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, managed care is a system of financing and delivering  
health care using a network of selected health care and service  
providers; and

WHEREAS, there is insufficient data to prove that managed care  
will reduce health, behavioral health or other service and  
program costs; and

WHEREAS, there is little data to prove that managed care can  
produce improved health care outcomes, particularly in the areas  
of behavioral health, developmental disabilities and long-term  
care services; and

WHEREAS, the human services department plans to contract with  
managed care organizations for delivering health care services

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1 to medicaid recipients; and  
2 WHEREAS, most New Mexicans who depend on medicaid for their  
3 health care are poor, elderly, adults and children with  
4 disabilities, pregnant women, adults and children with severe  
5 chronic health conditions and income-eligible adults and  
6 children with a need for mental health, substance abuse,  
7 developmental disability and long-term care, and these are  
8 vulnerable populations with few alternative resources; and  
9 WHEREAS, New Mexicans who are provided with private health  
10 insurance through their employers or other means are  
11 increasingly being moved into managed care plans; and  
12 WHEREAS, the state has collected little data about managed care  
13 as it related to access, cost-effectiveness, quality, outcomes  
14 and the impact on recipients and on the state's primary care  
15 providers, community-based programs or the public education  
16 system;  
17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
18 OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative  
19 council be requested to direct the appropriate interim  
20 legislative committee to:  
21 A. determine if managed care is a cost-effective, quality-  
22 driven system of health care delivery;  
23 B. determine if a medicaid managed care system is the most  
24 appropriate for delivery for health care, behavioral health,  
25 developmental disability and long-term care services in New  
Mexico;

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C. determine the costs of establishing managed care systems in New Mexico, including whether costs of administering a managed care plan diverts funding needed to provide direct care for health and community-based specialty services; and

D. oversee development and refinement of licensing, quality assurance, contracting and financial capacity standards for managed care organizations operating in the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent to each member of the New Mexico legislative council.

# **State of New Mexico House of Representatives**

**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION, 1997**

**March 17, 1997**

**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.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Gary King, Chairman**

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

Excused: Johnson, Rios, Sandel, Vigil

Absent: None

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