

April 6, 2001

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 97

The Honorable Richard Romero and
Members of the Senate
Executive-Legislative Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I have this day VETOED and am returning SENATE BILL 736, as amended, enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill would require the Department of Health to promulgate regulations regarding the level of choice afforded to clients of community-based developmental disability, mental retardation, or mental health services. Such legislation is unnecessary, given that the state's current Medicaid waiver plan, approved by the federal Health Care Financing Administration, insures freedom of choice to consumers of these services.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Johnson
Governor

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