

March 15, 2001

**SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 13**

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 FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 418, as amended, enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill would expand the current Medicaid system to include certain parents of Medicaid-eligible children. Salud! As it presently exists provides New Mexico the ability to maintain a state-of-the-art, cost effective health care service model for the state. This bill would add millions of additional dollars and multiple layers of bureaucracy to this successful program. For the sake of these citizens' need for proper care, Salud!'s success should not be infringed by further expansion.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Johnson  
Governor

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