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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 43

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE HUMAN SERVICES
DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP A COORDINATED AND COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF
DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR FAMILIES IN TORRANCE
COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS, a variety of state and local bodies carry on
activities in Torrance county that have a substantial impact
upon the availability, accessibility, quality and quantity
health services for children in Torrance county; and**

**WHEREAS, state and federal funds for children's health
services in Torrance county are available but could be better
utilized if more support for delivery of services existed; and**

**WHEREAS, baseline data on health indicators in Torrance
county are not consolidated or easily accessible and thus**

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1 evaluations of outcome measures are difficult to apply;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health and the human
4 services department be requested to work in partnership with
5 the Torrance county community health council and
6 representatives from the following local and state entities:
7 the children, youth and families department; Estancia, Moriarty
8 and Mountainair school districts; public and private behavioral
9 health contractors; Salud!; managed health care organizations;
10 and medical and dental care providers; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the described partnership be
12 requested to report progress at least twice during the 2001
13 interim to the legislative finance committee about the
14 partnership's success in: improving the percentage of eligible
15 children enrolled in New Mexi-Kids and SCHIPS; completely
16 assessing and evaluating the health care delivery system for
17 families in Torrance county; developing strategies to ensure a
18 more effective and equitable system of reimbursement for all
19 Torrance county health care providers; gathering baseline data
20 on health status indicators in Torrance county; and developing
21 a system in Torrance county to ensure access to medical,
22 dental, behavioral, as well as preventive and well-child health
23 care for families; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the secretary of health, the secretary of human

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