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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 9

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

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING A JOINT EFFORT TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING
CERTAIN PHARMACEUTICAL PRESCRIPTIONS FILLED AT FEDERALLY
QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS.**

**WHEREAS, the thousands of patients who receive health care
at the dozens of federally qualified health centers throughout
New Mexico are patients of record at those clinics and as such
are able to receive free prescription drugs at the clinic on
prescriptions written by clinic physicians; and**

**WHEREAS, these same patients are often referred to the
university of New Mexico hospital and other settings to receive
specialty care; and**

**WHEREAS, prescriptions written at the specialty care
settings are not eligible for being filled at the federally**

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1 qualified health center pharmacies, and those prescriptions,
2 regardless of where filled, are not entitled to the same
3 discounted price available at the clinic pharmacies; and

4 WHEREAS, many of the patients seen at these clinics are
5 uninsured and do not have the resources to afford to have
6 prescriptions filled at the going retail price; and

7 WHEREAS, there exist cooperative relationships between the
8 physicians at both the clinics and the specialty care
9 institutions regarding the well-being and medical treatment of
10 the patients of records of the federally qualified health
11 centers; and

12 WHEREAS, patients may continue to receive maintenance and
13 follow-up care at both federally qualified health centers and
14 specialty care institutions;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state primary health care
17 association and the university of New Mexico hospital invite
18 the state hospital association and other interested parties to
19 explore cooperative agreements and other possibilities that
20 would permit federally qualified health center patients to have
21 prescriptions filled at clinic pharmacies after treatment at
22 specialty institutions; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two lead entities report
24 progress and recommendations to the interim legislative health
25 and human services committee at its September 2001 meeting; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
2 sent to the state primary health care association, the
3 university of New Mexico hospital and the state hospital
4 association.

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