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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THAT DOCTORS OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE BE INCLUDED IN
DISCUSSIONS OF MEDICAID ISSUES DURING THE 2002 INTERIM

WHEREAS, oriental medicine has been practiced throughout
the world for over three millennia; and

WHEREAS, doctors of oriental medicine have been licensed
to practice in New Mexico for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, in many cases New Mexicans have experienced
notable benefits from the services provided by doctors of
oriental medicine after little or no relief from other
therapies, including cases of common childhood illnesses such
as chronic ear infections, asthma, recurring coughs and sore
throats; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico enjoys a great diversity in cultures
and lifestyle choices, and New Mexicans have the right to

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1 access the health care of their choice without discrimination;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human services department be
4 requested to include doctors of oriental medicine in
5 discussions of medicaid issues during the 2002 interim; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in future proposed
7 legislation regarding medicaid, doctors of oriental medicine
8 be included as providers for their scope of practice pursuant
9 to the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Practice Act; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the secretary of human services, the director
12 of the medical assistance division of the human services
13 department and to the members of the New Mexico congressional
14 delegation.