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**SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 42**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002**

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**FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE**

**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE POSSIBLE  
REORGANIZATION OF STATE AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS RELATING TO THE  
ADMINISTRATION, FUNDING AND DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE IN NEW  
MEXICO.**

WHEREAS, medical inflation continues to outpace general  
inflation both nationally and statewide; and

WHEREAS, the state expends a considerable portion of its  
annual budget on health care programs; and

WHEREAS, the state has fallen short of its statutory  
policy, stated in Subsection D of Section 9-7-11.1 NMSA 1978,  
"to promote optimal health; to prevent disease, disability and  
premature death; to improve the quality of life; and to assure  
that basic health services are available, accessible,  
acceptable and culturally appropriate, regardless of financial

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1 status"; and

2 WHEREAS, various interim and statutory committees have  
3 expressed concern about the state's financial accountability  
4 and statutory and regulatory compliance with federal and state  
5 health programs; and

6 WHEREAS, advocates for health care consumers, disabled  
7 and elderly persons, children, poor families and other  
8 disenfranchised populations have similarly expressed concerns  
9 about the administration of federal and state health care  
10 programs; and

11 WHEREAS, the administration of health care programs has  
12 become increasingly complex and expensive; and

13 WHEREAS, numerous states have reorganized their executive  
14 departments responsible for providing health care and related  
15 human needs services to ensure appropriate and accountable  
16 oversight of state expenditures; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexico needs a clear delineation of fiscal  
18 and policy responsibilities for health care administered,  
19 funded and delivered by the state;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative health subcommittee  
22 or appropriate interim committee be directed to study and  
23 assess the reorganization of state agencies and their  
24 responsibilities relating to the administration, funding and  
25 delivery of health care; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the designated committee

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1 present its findings and a legislative proposal to the  
2 legislative health and human services committee and the  
3 legislative finance committee by October 1, 2002 for the  
4 reorganization of agencies and programs relating to the  
5 administration, funding and delivery of health care; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
7 transmitted to the legislative health subcommittee, the  
8 legislative health and human services committee and the  
9 legislative finance committee.

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