

1 A MEMORIAL

2 CONGRATULATING SAN MIGUEL COUNTY FOR ITS ESTABLISHMENT OF A
3 PILOT PROJECT FOR AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND
4 PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE TO ITS UNINSURED PERSONS
5 WITHOUT INCREASING GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

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7 WHEREAS, the San Miguel board of county commissioners
8 has involved itself in a multistate pilot program to benefit
9 the uninsured; and

10 WHEREAS, that pilot program makes significant reductions
11 in rates for health care services and yet requires no new
12 state funds; and

13 WHEREAS, through the system, employers and working
14 taxpayers can budget for health care costs at affordable
15 levels similar to average rates from five years ago; and

16 WHEREAS, through the system, providers are able to
17 substantially discount their rates because they are
18 guaranteed cash flow without long waiting periods or
19 administrative overhead and billing costs; and

20 WHEREAS, the new program also creates a high-risk pool
21 of persons who are not currently insured through seed money
22 from federal grants; and

23 WHEREAS, removing the most expensive cases from the pool
24 reduces the costs for those with less critical needs;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the San Miguel county board of
2 commissioners be congratulated for its dedication in finding
3 and carrying out a multistate pilot program that will save
4 its residents money while giving more residents access to
5 health care; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that San Miguel county be
7 encouraged to access federal funds to continue the pilot
8 program; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the San Miguel county board of commissioners,
11 the governor, the secretary of health and the secretary of
12 human services.

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