

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT THE  
3 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH COMMONS MODELS OF SERVICE  
4 DELIVERY IN HIDALGO COUNTY AND BERNALILLO COUNTY AND TO  
5 COLLABORATE WITH EXISTING HEALTH COMMONS IN THOSE COUNTIES TO  
6 DESIGN A FINANCING SYSTEM TO COVER AND SUPPORT THE HEALTH  
7 COMMONS MODEL OF CARE.

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9 WHEREAS, the current system of health care delivery in  
10 New Mexico and the nation is fragmented, expensive and  
11 unavailable to nearly four hundred thousand New Mexicans; and

12 WHEREAS, the current system of health care delivery  
13 financing is focused on providing high-volume, intensive  
14 services with little attention to improving individual or  
15 community health; and

16 WHEREAS, New Mexico and its residents would benefit from  
17 a model of health care delivery that provides affordable,  
18 coordinated services focused on personal, family and  
19 community health needs; and

20 WHEREAS, a health commons is a community-driven,  
21 seamless system of social, behavioral and medical services  
22 organized within a single clinical center, linked with a  
23 network of community-based programs; and

24 WHEREAS, a health commons typically provides "one-stop  
25 shopping" beyond traditional medical services; and

1           WHEREAS, the health commons model of service delivery  
2 provides a medical home for people served by that model; and

3           WHEREAS, established health commons models in New Mexico  
4 are serving rural, underserved and poor populations  
5 efficiently and effectively in Hidalgo county and in the  
6 south valley of Bernalillo county; and

7           WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico health sciences  
8 center supports the design and evaluation of community and  
9 health commons service models; and

10          WHEREAS, payment sources to reimburse health commons  
11 models of care are limited to traditional, medical  
12 interventions and do not reimburse for such valuable services  
13 as health education, community health worker services, health  
14 promotion, peer support and other wrap-around services, nor  
15 do they cover the cost of caring for the many uninsured  
16 residents who currently utilize these models of care; and

17          WHEREAS, despite many local collaborative partners,  
18 existing health commons models are struggling to survive; and

19          WHEREAS, health commons models should be replicated in  
20 other rural and underserved parts of New Mexico;

21          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human services department be  
23 requested to support the planning and development of health  
24 commons models of service delivery in Hidalgo county and  
25 Bernalillo county and to collaborate with existing health

1 commons in those counties to design a financing system to  
2 cover and support the health commons model of care; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the human services  
4 department consider appropriate measures to include coverage  
5 of health commons models of service delivery in medicaid  
6 physical health, long-term services and behavioral health  
7 services managed care contracts; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that consideration be given to  
9 application for appropriate federal waivers to support the  
10 development of and sustainable financing for health commons  
11 models of health care delivery; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a report of the  
13 recommendations arising from this collaboration be presented  
14 to the legislative health and human services committee by  
15 November 1, 2009; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
17 transmitted to the secretary of human services, the director  
18 of Hidalgo medical services and the director of the South  
19 Valley family health commons in Bernalillo county. \_\_\_\_\_

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