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SPONSOR Brown **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/06/14 **LAST UPDATED** **HM** 69

SHORT TITLE "Institutional Care Medicaid Recipients" **SM**

ANALYST Montoya

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16		
NFI			

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 69 requests that the New Mexico congressional delegation work to remove policy barriers to institutional care Medicaid recipients' benefitting from employment.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Memorial notes that there are many disabled individuals who require assistance with activities of daily living and must therefore reside in nursing facilities, averaging $80,000 per year which is well beyond the average wage earners' means. This often requires those individuals to seek Medicaid coverage to pay for the high cost of nursing-facility care.

The Memorial requests the New Mexico delegation to the United States congress work for passage of legislation or a change in federal regulations that would allow recipients of Medicaid for institutional care to have part of any work-related earnings disregarded from Medicaid eligibility determinations and to retain a greater portion of their incomes in order to enable them to fully contribute as working members of the community.

Copies of this memorial should be transmitted to the members of the New Mexico congressional delegation.

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