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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 7

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

E. SHIRLEY BACA

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING TIMELY PAYMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS.

WHEREAS, many providers of health and human services must wait for over ninety days for reimbursement from various state departments; and

WHEREAS, some providers have outstanding reimbursements over ten months old; and

WHEREAS, great hardship is placed upon these providers when prompt payment is not made; and

WHEREAS, providers must borrow money and pay interest in order to make payroll and other expenses; and

WHEREAS, one provider paid over fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) in interest in one year; and

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WHEREAS, interest paid by providers is not reimbursed by the state; and

WHEREAS, such conditions may jeopardize the health of many programs and thus impact services to clients;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of finance and administration and the legislative finance committee coordinate a multi-agency task force to pursue a coordinated state effort and policy for timely provider payments while protecting the state's integrity in meeting state and federal fiscal regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of finance and administration, the legislative finance committee, the children, youth and families department, the department of health, the human services department, the corrections department, the state department of public education, the state agency on aging, the department of public safety, the department of environment and the energy, minerals and natural resources department be requested to participate in the multi-agency task force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that while the multi-agency task force continues its deliberations on timely payments, discussion also continues to investigate the state's ability to make partial payments when a provider billing is in question, so that services may continue to clients without provider delays; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a report of the findings of the

multi-agency task force be presented to the legislative finance committee, the legislative health and human services committee and the executive branch by November 1, 1996; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the legislative finance committee and the department of finance and administration.

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE SECOND SESSION, 1996

January 25, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE in accordance with constitutional provisions.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Perea Casey,

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FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE SECOND SESSION, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

 ${\bf Respectfully\ submitted,}$

February 1, 1996

Gary K. King, Chairman

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FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 5, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS.

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