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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 9

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY
DEDE FELDMAN

FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE THE BEST
METHOD OF FINANCING HIGH-RISK PATIENT TREATMENT AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER, INCLUDING THE
ADEQUACY OF REIMBURSEMENT UNDER SALUD.

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico health sciences
center is the provider of last resort to certain high-risk
patients and cannot limit that care; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of medicaid managed care
appears to be negatively affecting both those patients and the
mission of the health sciences center; and

WHEREAS, seventy-five percent of medicaid SALUD patients
are enrolled in managed care organizations that are relying
mainly on other health care providers for primary care
services and on the health sciences center only for certain

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1 tertiary services; and

2 WHEREAS, medicaid payments are not adequately adjusted to
3 reflect the acuity and complexity of many patients served by
4 the health sciences center, particularly behavioral health
5 patients; and

6 WHEREAS, the implementation of SALUD has resulted in
7 greater administrative burdens, less automation, delayed
8 receipt of payments and the need for physicians to be familiar
9 with multiple administrative systems; and

10 WHEREAS, without adequate financing or an increased
11 number of patients who do not require intensive services, the
12 mission of the health sciences center will, in the long run,
13 be compromised;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human services department be
16 requested to study and determine the best method of financing
17 high-risk patients treated by the university of New Mexico
18 health sciences center, including the adequacy of
19 reimbursement under SALUD; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this analysis include
21 consideration of adjustments in reimbursement to the health
22 sciences center if the data indicate that the current SALUD
23 reimbursement does not cover the cost of caring for these
24 patients; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

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Absent: 0

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10 Yes: 4

11 No: Boitano

12 Excused: Adair, Ingle, Smith, Vernon

13 Absent: None

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