

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 1

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8 FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE OF THE PUBLIC
12 REGULATION COMMISSION TO CONVENE A HEALTH CARE REFORM WORKING
13 GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE
14 LEGISLATURE REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPLEMENTATION OF
15 FEDERAL AND STATE HEALTH CARE REFORM MEASURES.

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17 WHEREAS, the United States congress is poised to pass
18 health care reform; and

19 WHEREAS, all of the proposed federal health care reform
20 legislation calls for some degree of action by the states; and

21 WHEREAS, New Mexico has for many years been a leader in
22 venturing forward with incremental health care reform measures;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, New Mexico should be poised to maximize any
25 federal assistance in implementing and supplementing health

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1 care reform measures in the state; and

2 WHEREAS, New Mexico has reaped many benefits as the result
3 of having been one of the states to make quickest use of
4 federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funding
5 opportunities; and

6 WHEREAS, New Mexico would likely benefit greatly if it
7 were prepared to show the same kind of initiative in
8 implementing its role in the nationwide health care reform
9 effort as it has in making use of the opportunities afforded by
10 the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the superintendent of insurance of the
13 public regulation commission be requested to convene a health
14 care reform working group with membership drawn from the
15 department of health, the human services department, the
16 legislative finance committee, the leadership of the
17 legislative health and human services committee, the insurance
18 division of the public regulation commission, the New Mexico
19 medical insurance pool and the New Mexico health insurance
20 alliance; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the leadership of each house
22 of the legislature appoint the legislative members of the
23 working group; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care reform working
25 group meet monthly from March through September 2010; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care reform working
2 group receive staff assistance from state agencies, the
3 legislative finance committee and the legislative council
4 service as appropriate to carry out the work of the health care
5 reform working group; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care reform working
7 group receive input and recommendations from the public and
8 from advisory groups for consideration and that the health care
9 reform working group present to the governor and the
10 legislature recommendations and proposed action steps for
11 administrative, legislative, regulatory, operational and
12 financial initiatives necessary to implement and supplement
13 federal health care reform; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care reform working
15 group make recommendations regarding the creation of any
16 exchanges or other entities designated in the federal
17 legislation; the creation of any other entities the health care
18 reform working group considers necessary to supplement the
19 federal reforms; whatever changes in state regulations are
20 necessary to reconcile differences or conflicts between federal
21 and New Mexico insurance regulations; state strategies to get
22 access to federal money available for health care work force
23 development, medicaid, community clinics, addressing health
24 care disparities and health care information systems; any
25 restructuring of medical assistance programs to maximize

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1 federal funds; and other health-related issues; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care reform working
3 group receive recommendations from consumers; advocates;
4 licensed health care providers; health insurers; payers,
5 including employers and federal and state agencies; Native
6 American nations, tribes and pueblos; and other interested
7 parties as it deems necessary; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care reform working
9 group present its recommendations to the governor, the
10 legislative finance committee and the legislative health and
11 human services committee by October 1, 2010; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the governor; the chairs of the New Mexico
14 health policy commission, the legislative finance committee and
15 the legislative health and human services committee; the co-
16 chairs of the New Mexico legislative council; the
17 superintendent of insurance; the secretary of human services;
18 and the secretary of health.