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1 eligibility upon entering a state institution, but does not
2 automatically resume enrollment upon release from that
3 institution; and

4 WHEREAS, a large percentage of New Mexico citizens
5 returning to their communities after institutionalization need
6 medications and continued treatment for various health
7 conditions immediately upon release but have no access to
8 either;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human services department be
11 requested to apply for a medicaid waiver from the federal
12 health care financing administration to enable New Mexico
13 citizens meeting medicaid eligibility who leave institutions
14 and who were enrolled in medicaid prior to institutionalization
15 to enjoy presumptive eligibility and immediate access to
16 medicaid benefits upon completion of the enrollment process;
17 and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the medicaid waiver enable
19 other New Mexico citizens leaving institutions to be eligible
20 for medicaid upon completion of the enrollment process; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the medicaid waiver include
22 all options that will maximize the potential medicaid benefits
23 to all New Mexicans; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the secretary of human services and the

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