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**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005**

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A JOINT MEMORIAL  
REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION FORM A  
TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY  
ASPECTS OF PROVIDING HEALTH CARE FOR PRACTITIONERS AND  
FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, the business of providing health care, as a  
practitioner or a facility, involves complicated billing  
procedures, multiple private and public payors, constantly  
changing legal compliance considerations and an ongoing  
challenge to keep costs from exceeding revenues while also  
providing quality care; and

WHEREAS, consumers and policymakers would benefit from a  
better understanding of these complexities since providing  
affordable and accessible quality health care is imperative in  
New Mexico; and

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1           WHEREAS, a better understanding of how health care  
2 practitioners and facilities attempt to meet these diverse  
3 challenges and how those challenges impact the actual provision  
4 of health care services can lead to better decision-making by  
5 consumers and policymakers;

6           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico health policy  
8 commission be requested to form a task force to include  
9 representatives of statewide organizations representing  
10 hospitals, health care clinics, physicians, long-term care  
11 providers, consumers, the department of health and insurers;  
12 and

13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested to  
14 review business management practices of health care  
15 practitioners and facilities and determine ways in which  
16 consumers and policymakers can become better informed about the  
17 business of providing health care and to determine how best to  
18 develop cost-beneficial quality indicators, including patient  
19 safety protocols; and

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico health policy  
21 commission report the findings and any recommendations of the  
22 task force to the appropriate interim legislative committee no  
23 later than December 1, 2005; and

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to the New Mexico health policy commission, the

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