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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO PEDIATRIC SOCIETY TO CONVENE A
"PEDIATRIC SPECIALTY CARE TASK FORCE" TO EXAMINE THE
AVAILABILITY OF PEDIATRIC SPECIALTY SERVICES IN THE STATE AND
MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING THE SYSTEM OF MEDICAL CARE
FOR CHILDREN IN NEW MEXICO TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE ACCESS TO
CARE THAT IS INTEGRATED, EQUITABLE, EFFICIENT, COST-EFFECTIVE
AND FAMILY-CENTERED.

WHEREAS, the United States health resources and services
administration, also known as "HRSA", reports that New Mexico
has more than seventy thousand children with special health
care needs; and

WHEREAS, specialty care for children in New Mexico is
currently fragmented between two large systems, and pediatric
specialists are difficult to recruit and retain; and

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1 WHEREAS, the pediatric specialists are located almost
2 exclusively in Albuquerque and as such are not accessible to
3 the entire pediatric population of the state; and

4 WHEREAS, those pediatric specialists that practice in
5 Albuquerque are found almost exclusively at the university of
6 New Mexico hospital or Presbyterian hospital; and

7 WHEREAS, fifty-three percent of children in New Mexico are
8 covered by medicaid or the children's health insurance program,
9 also known as "CHIP", and two of the four managed care
10 organizations currently providing services to medicaid and CHIP
11 recipients are not contracted with the university of New Mexico
12 children's hospital; and

13 WHEREAS, the children of New Mexico deserve equal access
14 to needed medical treatment regardless of their age, race,
15 ethnicity, location, socioeconomic status or health coverage
16 status;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
19 pediatric society be requested to convene a "pediatric
20 specialty care task force" to examine the availability of
21 pediatric specialty services in the state and make
22 recommendations for improving the system of medical care for
23 children in New Mexico to ensure that care is integrated,
24 equitable, efficient, cost-effective and family-centered; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pediatric specialty care

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1 task force be requested to establish as its goals the
2 following: improving health outcomes for children; improving
3 patient and family satisfaction with their medical care; and
4 making best use of the resources available in New Mexico in a
5 cost-effective manner; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico pediatric
7 society be requested to invite representatives of the following
8 entities to join the pediatric specialty care task force: the
9 human services department; the department of health; the New
10 Mexico legislature; the university of New Mexico children's
11 hospital; Presbyterian hospital; New Mexico families; medicaid
12 managed care organizations; and others as the New Mexico
13 pediatric society deems appropriate; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pediatric specialty care
15 task force be requested to report its findings and
16 recommendations to the legislative health and human services
17 committee and the legislative finance committee by December 1,
18 2018; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the chair and vice chair of the legislative
21 health and human services committee, the secretary of health,
22 the secretary of human services, the executive director of the
23 New Mexico pediatric society, the chancellor for health
24 sciences of the university of New Mexico and the chief
25 executive officer of Presbyterian healthcare services.

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