

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

HOUSE MEMORIAL 89

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A GROUP OF DIVERSE STAKEHOLDERS WITH EXPERTISE IN HEALTH CARE DELIVERY, HEALTH COVERAGE AND HEALTH CARE FINANCE TO DETERMINE THE VALUE AND FEASIBILITY OF A HEALTH CARE COST, QUALITY AND COORDINATION COMMISSION IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, according to the United States department of health and human services, federal health care reforms have resulted in a drastic reduction in the number of uninsured residents of New Mexico, with the rate in the state dropping from twenty percent in 2011 to ten and two-tenths percent in 2016; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2015 legislative finance committee report, the drop in New Mexico's rate of uninsured residents has resulted in a reduction in hospitals' and other health care

underscoring material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

1 providers' statewide unreimbursed care burden; and

2 WHEREAS, the congressional budget office predicts that
3 further changes to cost-sharing subsidies on health insurance
4 exchanges nationwide will result in increases in the federal
5 budget, which will likely decrease allocations in federal
6 health care appropriations to states; and

7 WHEREAS, the federal government is signaling states to
8 take responsibility for managing health care costs, including
9 ceding greater control over state medicaid programs; and

10 WHEREAS, a 2017 report by the Milbank memorial fund on
11 state models for health care cost measurement indicates that no
12 one payer source can influence care or outcomes across the
13 system; and

14 WHEREAS, the need for a review of many sectors of health
15 care payers has led six states whose leadership is concerned
16 with health care costs in their states to create health care
17 cost commissions or related agencies charged with reviewing
18 health care costs across state agencies and among private payer
19 sources; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2015, the department of health and the human
21 services department received a federal state innovation model
22 grant; and

23 WHEREAS, after extensive meetings and input from
24 stakeholder groups throughout New Mexico, the state innovation
25 model study concluded that the lack of coordination of health

.215029.1

underscoring material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

1 care services was a serious problem; and

2 WHEREAS, the study also concluded that the lack of health
3 care data was a serious problem, but the funds for the
4 implementation phase of the state innovation model project were
5 removed from the federal budget; and

6 WHEREAS, health care costs are consuming an increasing
7 percentage of the New Mexico state budget, which necessitates
8 that the state seek ways to manage health care costs without
9 causing widespread disruption; and

10 WHEREAS, in New Mexico, there is currently no government
11 agency, commission or other entity charged with reviewing
12 health care costs across state agencies and among private payer
13 sources and making recommendations for containing these costs
14 while maintaining access to high-quality health care for all
15 New Mexico residents;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department
18 of health be requested to convene a group of diverse
19 stakeholders with expertise in health care delivery, health
20 coverage and health care finance to develop an assessment of
21 the value to the state in creating an entity charged with
22 reviewing health care costs across state agencies and among
23 private payer sources and making recommendations for containing
24 these costs while maintaining access to high-quality health
25 care for all New Mexico residents; and

.215029.1

underscoring material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health be
2 requested to report the results of the health care quality and
3 cost study to the legislative health and human services
4 committee by October 1, 2019; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
6 transmitted to the governor, the chair and vice chair of the
7 legislative health and human services committee, the secretary
8 of human services, the secretary of health, the superintendent
9 of insurance and the executive director of the New Mexico
10 health insurance exchange.