

## **New Mexico Hospital Association**

## Memorandum

To: Legislative Finance Committee Staff

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Re: FIR request for HB 107 Medical Malpractice Limit of Recovery (Chatfield)

Date: January 25, 2024

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on <u>HB 107 Medical Malpractice Limit of Recovery</u> (Chatfield).

The current Medical Malpractice Act continues to have a significant negative impact on limiting access to care to healthcare providers including individual clinicians, healthcare practices and hospitals. HB 107 would offer some relief. However, the complex issue of medical malpractice and how to best address negative consequences of the act deserve broader considerations and time devoted after this 2024 Legislative Session to develop solutions beyond the bill's current language.