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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 23  
42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,  
1996

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ELIZABETH T. STEFANICS

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND  
FAMILIES DEPARTMENT, THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE STATE  
AGENCY ON AGING AND THE GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON CONCERNS OF THE  
HANDICAPPED TO JOINTLY STUDY AND ESTABLISH A QUALITY ASSURANCE  
AND EVALUATION PROGRAM FOR ALL ADULT SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the department of health, the human services  
department, the state agency on aging, the governor's committee  
on concerns of the handicapped and the children, youth and  
families department have major responsibilities for the care of  
thousands of elderly, fragile, disabled and dependent adults;  
and

WHEREAS, many if not most of these individuals, for reasons  
of age or disability, are not able to make the best judgments to

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1 further their good health and welfare; and

2 WHEREAS, members of this client population often have  
3 difficulty knowing of or accessing even the most basic of needed  
4 services or in locating alternatives to their present condition  
5 and circumstances; and

6 WHEREAS, a comprehensive system of care includes  
7 availability of all necessary information as and where needed,  
8 as well as effective evaluation of the application of those  
9 needed services; and

10 WHEREAS, there are many active advocacy groups wishing to  
11 contribute expertise to a study of these issues; and

12 WHEREAS, these five state agencies have excellent staff and  
13 the necessary experience for such a task;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health, the children,  
16 youth and families department, the human services department,  
17 the state agency on aging and the governor's committee on  
18 concerns of the handicapped cooperate in a study for the  
19 establishment of a quality assurance and evaluation program of  
20 all adult services provided by or through each of these  
21 departments; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all health and social service  
23 providers and organizations be invited to participate as equal  
24 decision-makers in the study and in the establishment of the  
25 resultant programs; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent to the directors of the state agency on aging and the governor's committee on concerns of the handicapped as well as to the secretaries of health, children, youth and families and human services.

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8 Mr. President:  
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10 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred  
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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
16 PUBLIC AFFAIRS.  
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19 Respectfully submitted,  
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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: 0

Excused: EJennings, Wray

Absent: 0

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8 Mr. President:  
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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: E. Jennings, Rhodes, Wiener

Absent: None

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