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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 35

**42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
1996**

**INTRODUCED BY
TOM RUTHERFORD**

A JOINT MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO REDIRECT TWENTY-FIVE
PERCENT OF MEDICAID EXPENDITURES MONEY NOW USED FOR NURSING HOME
PAYMENTS TO COMMUNITY-BASED HOME ATTENDANT SERVICES.**

**WHEREAS, the number of people, old and young, with
disabilities and in need of long-term care is growing; and**

**WHEREAS, historically, society has tended to isolate and
segregate people with disabilities in institutions; and**

**WHEREAS, people, old and young, with disabilities often end
up in institutions because appropriate community-based home
attendant services do not exist; and**

**WHEREAS, the current long-term care system has an
institutional bias that inhibits people from living in their
communities by restricting the use of financial assistance to**

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1 institutional programs; and

2 WHEREAS, the current long-term care system is based on
3 medical diagnosis and age rather than on functional need; and

4 WHEREAS, community-based home attendant services will
5 increase the independence of people with disabilities and allow
6 them to be active, contributing members of their communities;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human services department be
9 requested to redirect twenty-five percent of the current
10 medicaid (or its successor program) expenditures now used for
11 nursing home client payments, to the provision of community-
12 based home attendant client services; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the secretary of human services.

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

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16 1. On page 2, line 8, strike the word "redirect" and insert in
17 lieu thereof "study the advisability of redirecting".

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19 2. On page 2, between lines 11 and 12 insert the following:

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21 "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the human services department
22 study include participation of the department of health, the state
23 agency on aging, the governor's committee on concerns of the
24 handicapped, care and service consumers, providers and advocates
25 and various organizations and associations involved in long-term
care; and",

and thence referred to the FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Howes, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: E. Jennings, Wray, Doni sthorpe

Absent: None

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9 Mr. President:

10 Your FINANCE COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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12 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 35, as amended
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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
15 recommendation that it DO PASS.
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23 Ben D. Altamirano, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: 0

Excused: Aragon, Ingle, Jennings T., Kidd, Kysar, Sanchez

Absent: None

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8 SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT number _____ to SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 35,
9 as amended
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12 Amendment sponsored by Senator Tom Rutherford
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15 1. On page 1, line 11, strike "REDIRECT" and insert in lieu
16 thereof "STUDY THE ADVISABILITY OF REDIRECTING".
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