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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 91

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

INTRODUCED BY

RICHARD M. ROMERO

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO SUPPLEMENT CURRENT AVAILABLE MEDICAID SERVICES TO INCLUDE PROVISION OF CERTAIN SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE STATE PURSUANT TO THE HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED WAIVER PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE MEDICAID PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the federal medicaid program regulations provide for a state to apply for a home- and community-based waiver in its medicaid program to enable the state to provide certain additional services to medicaid beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid waiver provisions include as additional services specialized medical equipment and supplies and environmental modifications for persons needing those services to:

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1 living situations;

2 B. increase their abilities to perform activities of
3 daily living; and

4 C. perceive, control or communicate with the
5 environment in which they live; and

6 WHEREAS, even though federal matching funds are available
7 for these eligible services if a state chooses to apply for a
8 waiver to modify its state plan, the human services department
9 has chosen not to do so; and

10 WHEREAS, making the indicated services available to
11 eligible individuals in many cases would substantially decrease
12 the possibility of greater costs of medical assistance for those
13 individuals in the future because the services are designed to
14 counteract the deteriorating effect upon such individuals of the
15 inability to communicate effectively with persons in their homes
16 and communities;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human services department take the
19 necessary action to implement provisions of the available
20 medicaid home- and community-based waiver to enable New Mexico's
21 medicaid program to provide specialized medical equipment and
22 supplies and environmental modification services to those
23 individuals who would be eligible for the services pursuant to
24 the federal regulations governing granting of the waiver; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

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transmitted to the governor and the secretary of human services.

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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your RULES COMMI TTEE, 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.
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16 Respectfully submit ted,
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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

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Excused: Aragon, Doni sthorpe, EJenni ngs

Absent: 0

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