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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 6

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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TIMOTHY Z. JENNINGS

FOR THE HEALTH CARE REFORM COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT FURTHER REVIEW ON
AND DEVELOP STANDARDS FOR THE GEOGRAPHIC AVAILABILITY AND
SERVICE AREA CAPACITY OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES.

WHEREAS, access to behavioral health services is a priority
of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, under a medicaid managed care plan, reasonable
geographic access to behavioral health services should be
assured; and

WHEREAS, few national or industry standards are available
regarding adequate geographic availability of providers of
behavioral health services or capacity of service areas to meet
behavioral health needs; and

WHEREAS, quality standards for behavioral health services
that do exist vary widely, with no apparent rationale for

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1 variations such as differing levels of need or unique behavioral
2 health risk factors; and

3 WHEREAS, there is disagreement on the equivalency of
4 training of different types of health professionals and their
5 abilities to provide behavioral health services;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health cooperate with
8 the medicaid division of the human services department, the
9 department of insurance, behavioral health professionals,
10 advocates and consumers to review standards for geographic
11 access and availability, service area capacity and training of
12 health professionals who provide behavioral health services; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health
14 prepare a report proposing or adopting standards for geographic
15 access to behavioral health services; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this report be presented to the
17 appropriate legislative interim committee by September 1, 1997;
18 and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent
20 to the secretary of health, the secretary of human services and
21 the superintendent of insurance.

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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, and thence referred to the
15 PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.
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17 Respectfully submitted,
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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Aragon, Gorham

Absent: None

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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Adair, Boitano, Vernon, Smith

Absent: None

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