

1 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 11  
2 44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

3 INTRODUCED BY  
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8 FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL  
11 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE  
12 TO DEVELOP AN ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER  
13 DESIGNATION.

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15 WHEREAS, New Mexico provides and funds multiple programs  
16 aimed at improving the distribution of health professionals in  
17 rural and underserved areas of the state; and

18 WHEREAS, all or part of thirty-one of our thirty-three  
19 counties remain classified as medically underserved; and

20 WHEREAS, the capacity of most rural areas of New Mexico  
21 to sustain adequate health care systems is limited, as  
22 indicated by the facts that twenty-one of our counties are  
23 designated "frontier" with populations of fewer than seven  
24 persons per square mile and that at least twenty percent of  
25 our population is without health insurance; and

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1           WHEREAS, there are a wide variety of health service  
2 delivery systems, including solo practitioners, private group  
3 practices, community health clinics, hospital-based clinics  
4 and various state public health services; and

5           WHEREAS, a survey of health professionals indicates a  
6 high degree of variability in factors to consider in  
7 recruiting and retaining those types of practitioners in rural  
8 and underserved areas, including practitioners' satisfaction  
9 with their working circumstances; and

10          WHEREAS, other states have effectively utilized a system  
11 of designating certain health care providers as essential for  
12 health care service access, and have provided them with  
13 various benefits to stabilize the provider community in those  
14 rural and underserved areas;

15          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the primary care bureau of the  
17 department of health establish a task force to develop  
18 operational aspects of an essential community health care  
19 provider designation in order to improve the continuing access  
20 to health care in rural and underserved areas; and

21          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force consider  
22 various eligibility criteria, including the designation of  
23 primary care health professionals as essential community  
24 health care providers in order to promote the most efficient  
25 and cost-effective means of maintaining a stable delivery

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1 system; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force investigate  
3 every avenue for providing benefits, incentives and  
4 assistance, including state-funded recruitment and retention  
5 initiatives, indigent-care reimbursement, tax deductions and  
6 exemptions, differential reimbursement under state programs  
7 and contracts and special consideration of contractors  
8 providing health care in rural and underserved areas; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that careful consideration be  
10 given to requirements and responsibilities of providers in  
11 exchange for designation as an essential community provider,  
12 including services provided to medicaid recipients and  
13 medically indigent persons; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that attention be paid to  
15 integration and coordination of an essential community  
16 provider system with other state recruitment and retention  
17 efforts and programs aimed at improving geographic access to  
18 health services; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force recommend  
20 methods of measuring the effectiveness and impact of such a  
21 program; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force coordinate  
23 with the New Mexico health policy commission and other health  
24 planning entities in its work; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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sent to the secretary of health and to the legislative health  
and human services committee by October 1, 1999.

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8 Mr. Speaker:

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10 Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to  
11 whom has been referred

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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
17 APPROPRIATIONS & FINANCE COMMITTEE.

18 Respectfully submitted,

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23 Patsy Trujillo Knauer,  
24 Chairwoman  
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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

Excused: Hawkins

Absent: None

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21 Max Coll, Chairman  
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Yes: 10

Excused: Buffett, Coll, Heaton, Larrañaga, Pearce, Picraux, Watchman

Absent: None

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