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HOUSE MEMORIAL 63

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026

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A MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR
CERTIFIED ADVANCED PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIANS TO INCLUDE
PRIMARY CARE SERVICES TO ADDRESS NEW MEXICO'S PRIMARY CARE
SHORTAGE AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is experiencing a critical shortage of
primary care providers, particularly in rural and underserved
areas; and

WHEREAS, chiropractic physicians in this state are highly
trained health care professionals who complete rigorous
academic and clinical education, including nearly four years of
pre-medical undergraduate coursework and five years of
doctoral-level chiropractic education; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is a national leader in chiropractic
innovation, having established the advanced practice

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1 chiropractic certification, which provides chiropractic
2 physicians limited prescriptive authority for therapeutic and
3 diagnostic services; and

4 WHEREAS, certified advanced practice chiropractic
5 physicians are contributing to primary health care teams in
6 community health centers and United States department of
7 veterans affairs clinics across the state by helping to manage
8 musculoskeletal and systemic conditions, ordering diagnostic
9 tests and prescribing medications; and

10 WHEREAS, expanding the scope of certified advanced
11 practice chiropractic physicians to formally include primary
12 care services would enhance access to timely, cost-effective
13 and holistic care for New Mexico residents, especially in rural
14 and underserved areas; and

15 WHEREAS, the New Mexico chiropractic association has
16 developed a two-tiered certification system to allow certified
17 advanced practice chiropractic physicians to provide primary
18 care services while ensuring appropriate training, clinical
19 competency and regulatory oversight; and

20 WHEREAS, the New Mexico chiropractic association's
21 proposed certification system aligns with national trends
22 toward integrative, team-based care and recognizes the evolving
23 competencies of chiropractic physicians in addressing chronic
24 disease and providing preventive care;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

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1 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the house of
2 representatives support the expansion of the scope of practice
3 for properly trained and educated certified advanced practice
4 chiropractic physicians to include primary care services; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the house of representatives
6 encourage the chiropractic board to continue developing and
7 refining certification standards and clinical training and
8 continuing education requirements to ensure the safe and
9 effective delivery of primary care by certified advanced
10 practice chiropractic physicians; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of health, the
13 superintendent of regulation and licensing and the chiropractic
14 board.

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