

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,  
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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE HUMAN SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCIES TO DEVELOP A COORDINATED  
AND COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
FOR CHILDREN IN GRANT COUNTY.

WHEREAS, a variety of state and local bodies carry on  
activities in Grant county that have a substantial impact  
upon the availability, accessibility, quality and quantity of  
health services for children in Grant county; and

WHEREAS, state and federal funds for children's health  
services in Grant county are available but could be better  
utilized if more coordination of programs existed; and

WHEREAS, baseline data on child health in Grant county  
is not consolidated or easily accessible and thus evaluation  
and outcome measures are difficult to apply;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that:

2 A. the department of health and the human services  
3 department be requested to act as lead agencies and work in  
4 partnership with the Grant county community health council  
5 and representatives from the following local and state  
6 entities: children, youth and families department, Silver  
7 and Cobre consolidated school districts, public and private  
8 behavioral health contractors, SALUD, managed health care  
9 organizations and medical and dental care providers; and

10 B. the described partnership be requested to  
11 report progress at least twice during the 2000 interim to the  
12 legislative finance committee on the partnership's success in  
13 meeting the following objectives:

14 (1) improve the percentage of eligible  
15 children enrolled in SALUD;

16 (2) completely assess and evaluate the  
17 health care delivery system for children in Grant county;

18 (3) develop strategies to ensure a more  
19 effective and equitable system of reimbursement for all Grant  
20 county health care providers, including school-based health  
21 centers;

22 (4) gather baseline data on child health in  
23 Grant county; and

24 (5) develop a system in Grant county to  
25 ensure access to medical, dental, behavioral, as well as  
preventive and well-child health care for children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the secretary of health, the secretary of  
2 human services and the Grant county community health council.

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