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1 paperwork for dentists and streamlining its own administration  
2 of the plan to approximately four hours per week to cover  
3 claims of over three hundred college employees and their  
4 dependents; and

5 WHEREAS, thousands of employees of large institutions,  
6 both public and private, in several adjoining states enjoy  
7 excellent self-funded direct reimbursement dental plans; and

8 WHEREAS, it is in the interests of the sponsoring  
9 institutions as well as the dentists and covered employees to  
10 absolutely minimize administrative work and costs; and

11 WHEREAS, self-funded direct reimbursement dental plans  
12 permit covered employees to select any willing provider for  
13 dental services;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the interagency task force of the  
16 health care purchasing cooperative examine the possibility of  
17 encouraging its member agencies to offer self-funded direct  
18 reimbursement dental plans to their employees; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study recommend a minimum  
20 commitment of sufficient years to this self-insurance effort to  
21 overcome initial high utilization and adverse selection  
22 experiences; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study consider that  
24 competition in the provision of health and dental services  
25 traditionally contributes to higher costs for the consumer; and

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