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1           WHEREAS, any New Mexican receiving medicaid benefits loses  
2 eligibility upon entering a state institution, but does not  
3 automatically resume enrollment upon release from that  
4 institution; and

5           WHEREAS, a large percentage of New Mexico citizens  
6 returning to their communities after institutionalization need  
7 medications and continued treatment for various health  
8 conditions immediately upon release but have no access to  
9 either;

10           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human services department be  
12 requested to apply for a medicaid waiver from the federal  
13 health care financing administration to enable New Mexico  
14 citizens meeting medicaid eligibility who leave institutions  
15 and who were enrolled in medicaid prior to institutionalization  
16 to enjoy presumptive eligibility and immediate access to  
17 medicaid benefits upon completion of the enrollment process;  
18 and

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the waiver enable other New  
20 Mexico citizens leaving institutions to be eligible for  
21 medicaid upon completion of the enrollment process; and

22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the waiver include all options  
23 that will maximize the potential medicaid benefits to all New  
24 Mexicans; and

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

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sent to the secretary of human services and to the governor.