

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE INTERIM LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH AN UNBIASED AND FAIR PROCESS TO REVIEW SCOPES OF PRACTICE OF THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS.

WHEREAS, the legislature seeks objective information on proposed changes to health care scopes of practice or the creation of new scopes of practice; and

WHEREAS, the reasons for scope of practice changes should have a foundational basis within four areas: an established history of the practice scope within the profession, education and training, supporting evidence and an appropriate regulatory environment; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of any review and subsequent change of any scope of practice is to promote better consumer care across professions and providers, improve access to care and recognize the inevitability of overlapping scopes of practice; and

WHEREAS, some practice changes are the result of changes already occurring in education or practice due to research, advances in technology and changes in societal health care demands;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the interim legislative health and human services committee study and recommend to the

legislature an unbiased and fair process to review proposed changes to scopes of practice of licensed health professions and new health professions requesting licensure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the interim legislative health and human services committee, each of the health-related licensing or certification boards, the board of nursing and the New Mexico medical board.