

HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
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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

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1 recognize the inevitability of overlapping scopes of practice;
2 and

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

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the interim legislative health and
9 human services committee study and recommend to the legislature
10 an unbiased and fair process to review proposed changes to
11 scopes of practice of licensed health professions and new
12 health professions requesting licensure; and

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