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SENATE MEMORIAL 48

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION TO CONVENE A  
TASK FORCE TO STUDY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT FOR  
HEALTH CARE DELIVERED TO INDIVIDUALS IN THE CUSTODY OF COUNTY  
DETENTION FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, county detention facilities provide health care,  
including mental health care, to individuals in the custody of  
county detention facilities; and

WHEREAS, county detention facilities experience serious  
difficulties in obtaining fair rates from health care  
providers; and

WHEREAS, the problem of obtaining fair health care  
provider rates is exacerbated by the fact that individuals in  
custody automatically lose medicaid eligibility upon entry into  
the county detention system; and

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1           WHEREAS, the inability of county detention facilities to  
2 secure affordable health care provider rates limits the ability  
3 of county governments to be appropriately accountable to local  
4 taxpayers for these costs; and

5           WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of counties seeks to  
6 implement policy that would require health care providers that  
7 receive any state taxpayer money to charge county detention  
8 facilities at the same reimbursement rates they charge for  
9 medicaid or any other state program in which the providers  
10 participate;

11           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
12 OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico health policy commission  
13 convene a task force consisting of representatives from the New  
14 Mexico association of counties, the department of health, the  
15 human services department, health care providers who provide  
16 care to county detention facility inmates, the corrections  
17 department, the New Mexico medical society and the New Mexico  
18 primary care association; and

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be charged with  
20 developing recommendations for health care provider  
21 reimbursement for health care delivered to individuals in  
22 county detention facility custody; and

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force present  
24 recommendations to the legislative health and human services  
25 committee by November 1, 2008; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the director of the New Mexico health policy commission, the president of the New Mexico association of counties, the chair and vice chair of the 2008 legislative health and human services committee, the secretary of health, the secretary of human services, the secretary of corrections, the president of the New Mexico medical society and the president of the New Mexico primary care association.