

January 26, 2010

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 71

The Honorable Ben Luján and  
Members of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol Bldg.  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Honorable Speaker Luján and Members of the House:

Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of New Mexico, Article IV, Section 5(B)(2), I am authorizing for your consideration during the Forty-Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2010 submission of a bill enacting a temporary provision to direct the Human Services Department to compare current Medicaid nursing facility reimbursement rates with average Medicaid nursing facility cost report data; enacting a section of the Public Assistance Act to direct the Human Services Department to obtain a yearly analysis of Medicaid nursing facility reimbursement rates and average allowable costs; provided that the bill does not phase-in rate increases to set minimum reimbursement rates equal to costs within five years.

Respectfully yours,

Bill Richardson  
Governor

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