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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

SUPPORTING THE INCLUSION OF CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS IN MEDICAID CONTRACTS TO FUND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDICAL HOMES AND URGING AN EXPANSION OF THE MEDICAL HOME MODEL TO INCLUDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, TELEHEALTH, HOME HEALTH CARE, NURSE PRACTITIONER AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MODELS.

WHEREAS, House Bill 710, introduced in the first session of the forty-ninth legislature, passed and was signed into law on April 7, 2009; and

WHEREAS, this law calls for the human services department to promote and, if practicable, implement a medical home program; and

WHEREAS, the human services department testified to the interim legislative health and human services committee that the contracts with the managed care organizations providing

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1 medicaid physical health services have been modified to require
2 the development and implementation of medical homes on a pilot
3 basis; and

4 WHEREAS, an ad hoc committee consisting of physicians and
5 representatives of managed care organizations and the human
6 services department has been meeting to determine the best
7 approach for implementation of medical homes in New Mexico; and

8 WHEREAS, as defined in statute, a medical home is an
9 integrated care management model that emphasizes primary
10 medical care that is continuous, comprehensive, coordinated,
11 accessible, compassionate and culturally appropriate; and

12 WHEREAS, medical home demonstration projects are emerging
13 in nearly every state with a broad base of support from
14 employers, insurers and state and federal agencies; and

15 WHEREAS, medical home models of care show promise for
16 long-term cost containment, especially with the population of
17 people with chronic conditions in need of ongoing, expensive
18 medical interventions; and

19 WHEREAS, a broader vision for implementation of medical
20 homes could encompass behavioral health, telehealth, home
21 health care, nurse practitioners and physician assistants
22 serving as the central point for integration and coordination
23 of care; and

24 WHEREAS, in a state as rural as New Mexico with a critical
25 shortage of primary care physicians, other practitioners

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1 besides physicians may be of value in establishing and
2 implementing medical homes;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human services department be
5 supported in the inclusion of contract specifications in
6 medicaid contracts to fund the establishment of medical homes
7 and be urged to expand the medical home model to include
8 behavioral health, home health care, nursing and physician
9 assistant models; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that existing examples of medical
11 homes, such as primary care clinics and health centers
12 operating as health commons, behavioral health clinical homes
13 and private and group practice primary care practices that have
14 pursued certification as a medical home, be encouraged to
15 participate in the pilot medical home project and be supported
16 to continue to develop medical homes; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the human services department
18 be requested to include contract specifications to fund the
19 development and implementation of medical homes in the contract
20 for the behavioral health single point of entry and the
21 coordination of long-term services contracts; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the human services department
23 be requested to track the cost-effectiveness of the pilot
24 medical homes as they are implemented and report its findings
25 to the interim legislative health and human services committee

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1 by November 2010; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the human services department, the medical
4 assistance division of the human services department, the
5 interagency behavioral health purchasing collaborative and the
6 managed care organization that contracts with the human
7 services department.

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