

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE CONTINUATION OF THE HEALTH CARE REFORM WORKING  
3 GROUP CONVENE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE  
4 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE  
5 ACT.

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7 WHEREAS, the second session of the forty-ninth  
8 legislature passed Senate Joint Memorial 1, which requested  
9 that the superintendent of insurance of the public regulation  
10 commission convene a health care reform working group with  
11 membership drawn from the department of health, the human  
12 services department, the legislature, the insurance division  
13 of the public regulation commission, the New Mexico medical  
14 insurance pool and the New Mexico health insurance alliance;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the United States congress enacted federal  
17 health care reform in 2010, with the passage of the federal  
18 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health  
19 Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010; and

20 WHEREAS, the health reform working group met during the  
21 months of April through October 2010, heard testimony and  
22 discussed many components of the federal health care reform  
23 legislation, including the state's options regarding the  
24 creation of a health insurance exchange and other state  
25 entities; how to prepare the state for increased enrollment

1 in medicaid and other coverage options; recommended actions  
2 to implement insurance reforms in accordance with federal law  
3 and state concerns; strategies to obtain any federal money  
4 available for health care work force development, medicaid,  
5 community clinics, addressing health care disparities and  
6 health care information systems; implications for taxation  
7 and revenue; and how to ensure that New Mexicans are properly  
8 educated about their rights and responsibilities under the  
9 federal legislation; and

10 WHEREAS, the health care reform working group  
11 incorporated advisory groups made up of stakeholders,  
12 including the state's business interests, health care  
13 providers, insurers, state agencies, consumers, health care  
14 advocates and spokespersons for the state's Native American  
15 communities; and

16 WHEREAS, the health care reform working group provided  
17 ongoing testimony and recommendations to the legislative  
18 health and human services committee and the legislative  
19 finance committee during the 2010 interim; and

20 WHEREAS, health care reform is a process that will take  
21 place over the next several years, with many issues still to  
22 be considered as federal rules are issued and components of  
23 reform are implemented; and

24 WHEREAS, it is important that New Mexico continue to be  
25 in a position to make well-planned responses to the federal

1 rules as they are issued and to any additional health care  
2 reforms that may be enacted by the United States congress;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, New Mexico has received eighty-five million  
5 dollars (\$85,000,000) in federal grants pursuant to the  
6 federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and needs  
7 to continue to monitor funding opportunities available  
8 through that act;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the executive director of the New  
11 Mexico medical insurance pool be requested to continue the  
12 health care reform working group with membership drawn from  
13 the department of health, the human services department, the  
14 legislative finance committee, the leadership of the  
15 legislative health and human services committee, the  
16 insurance division of the public regulation commission, the  
17 New Mexico medical insurance pool and the New Mexico health  
18 insurance alliance; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the leadership of each house  
20 of the legislature appoint the legislative members of the  
21 working group; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care reform  
23 working group meet at least quarterly through December 31,  
24 2013; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care reform

1 working group receive staff assistance from state agencies,  
2 the legislative finance committee and the legislative council  
3 service as appropriate to carry out the work of the health  
4 care reform working group; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care reform  
6 working group continue to receive and consider input and  
7 recommendations from public stakeholders and advisory groups  
8 and that the health care reform working group present to the  
9 governor and the legislature recommendations and proposed  
10 action steps for administrative, legislative, regulatory,  
11 operational and financial initiatives necessary to implement  
12 and supplement federal health care reform; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care reform  
14 working group continue to make recommendations regarding the  
15 implementation of a health insurance exchange and the  
16 creation of any entities that the health care reform working  
17 group considers necessary to supplement the federal reforms;  
18 whatever changes in state regulations are necessary to  
19 reconcile differences or conflicts between federal and New  
20 Mexico insurance regulations; state strategies to get access  
21 to federal money available for health care work force  
22 development, medicaid, community clinics, addressing health  
23 care disparities and health care information systems; any  
24 restructuring of medical assistance programs to maximize  
25 federal funds; and other health-related issues; and

