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SENATE MEMORIAL 46

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP STANDARDS FOR ELECTRONIC PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUEST TRANSACTIONS FOR DRUGS AND DEVICES.

WHEREAS, according to the 2009 national progress report on e-prescribing by the national association of boards of pharmacy, the number of electronic prescriptions increased by one hundred eighty-one percent from 2008 to 2009. Over one hundred ninety million e-prescriptions were routed in 2009, compared with sixty-eight million in 2008 and twenty-nine million in 2007. Correlating with those increases, one hundred fifty-six thousand prescribers were using e-prescriptions by the end of 2009, compared with seventy-four thousand at the end of 2008, a one hundred nine percent increase; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 national progress report on

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1 e-prescribing also indicates that eighty-five percent of
2 community pharmacies in the United States are connected and
3 able to receive e-prescriptions from prescribers; and

4 WHEREAS, the use of e-prescribing will likely continue to
5 grow, influenced in part by new government regulations such as
6 the federal drug enforcement administration's interim final
7 rule for electronic prescribing of controlled substances and
8 the meaningful-use requirements in federal health care reform
9 legislation; and

10 WHEREAS, given the increasing number of e-prescriptions
11 and the current lack of standards on e-prescribing and e-prior
12 authorization, standardized processes should be established in
13 order to reduce costs in the system and streamline the process
14 for physicians, pharmacists and patients; and

15 WHEREAS, the American medical association, the
16 pharmaceutical care management association, the pharmaceutical
17 research and manufacturers of America and others affected have
18 endorsed principles to develop standards for e-prescribing;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
20 OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be
21 requested to direct the legislative health and human services
22 committee to hold a hearing on or before November 1, 2011 on
23 developing standards for e-prior authorization request
24 transactions for drugs and devices, with the goal of maximizing
25 administrative simplification and efficiency in preparation for

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1 electronic transmission; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative health and
3 human services committee invite representatives from the health
4 medical records Lovelace foundation, the New Mexico
5 prescription improvement coalition and other interested
6 stakeholders to the hearing on developing the standards for e-
7 prior authorization request transactions for drugs and devices;
8 and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
11 council.