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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT, THE AGING AND LONG-TERM SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO COLLABORATE IN CREATING A STATEWIDE PILOT PROJECT TO DEMONSTRATE CLINICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL EFFICIENCIES IN THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE TO MEDICAID RECIPIENTS LIVING WITH MULTIPLE HEALTH CONDITIONS.

WHEREAS, New Mexico faces sharply increased medicaid enrollment in future years; and

WHEREAS, the state's cost for supporting the medicaid program is expected to increase proportionately; and

WHEREAS, the state cannot continue to support the cost of medicaid without finding ways to provide health care services more efficiently, with improved health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, a relatively small percentage of medicaid

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1 recipients who are living with multiple health conditions
2 account for a disproportionate percentage of the state's
3 medicaid spending; and

4 WHEREAS, medicaid recipients living with multiple health
5 conditions receive health services from multiple agencies and
6 often receive services that are not coordinated and involve
7 wasteful duplication of services and inefficient health care
8 delivery; and

9 WHEREAS, the data that document medicaid recipients'
10 health care services and their various health care providers
11 often reside in "data silos" that make it all but impossible to
12 identify the duplication, lack of coordination and inefficient
13 delivery of services to particular recipients; and

14 WHEREAS, there is a capability in the private health care
15 technology sector to access data from all relevant "data silos"
16 in any format and to consolidate that data by recipient and
17 health care provider; and

18 WHEREAS, this health care technology allows policymakers
19 to analyze data for opportunities to improve health care
20 outcomes, eliminate waste, fraud and abuse and provide for more
21 efficient delivery, thus reducing per-recipient costs; and

22 WHEREAS, there are professionals in the private health
23 care clinical sector with experience in designing and
24 implementing clinical interventions that are specifically aimed
25 at addressing the issues identified in the integrated data

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1 analysis that health care technology produces; and

2 WHEREAS, there are private companies that have achieved
3 significant success in improving health outcomes and reducing
4 costs for services to individuals with multiple health issues
5 in other states; and

6 WHEREAS, these private companies have based their models
7 on integrated health data analytics and carefully designed
8 clinical interventions; and

9 WHEREAS, the experience of these companies' approaches in
10 other states indicates the potential for New Mexico's medicaid
11 program to save money and improve health outcomes for medicaid
12 recipients; and

13 WHEREAS, the children, youth and families department, the
14 aging and long-term services department, the department of
15 health and the human services department can find partners in
16 the private sector that are willing and able to implement a
17 pilot project that integrates data analysis with targeted
18 clinical interventions to achieve these quality and efficiency
19 outcomes; and

20 WHEREAS, to finance the necessary technology and clinical
21 interventions to achieve the quality and efficiency outcomes of
22 the medicaid pilot, the children, youth and families
23 department, the aging and long-term services department, the
24 department of health and the human services department have the
25 ability to enter into shared savings agreements with the

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1 private sector entities chosen to implement the pilot;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
3 OF NEW MEXICO that the children, youth and families department,
4 the aging and long-term services department, the department of
5 health and the human services department be requested to work
6 together and enter into an interagency agreement to govern the
7 implementation of a statewide, twelve-month pilot project to
8 improve the quality and efficiency of health care delivery to
9 medicaid recipients living with multiple health conditions
10 through clinical and information technology interventions; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the children, youth and
12 families department, the aging and long-term services
13 department, the department of health and the human services
14 department be requested to work with the private sector to
15 undertake a statewide, twelve-month pilot project to reduce the
16 per-recipient costs of delivering health care services to
17 medicaid recipients living with multiple health conditions; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of the pilot
19 project be documented and incorporated within the human
20 services department's current effort to redesign the state's
21 medicaid program in ways that will ensure the continuation of
22 health services to the state's low-income and disabled
23 residents; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pilot project lay the
25 groundwork for a request for proposals to procure the vendors

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1 most able to build integrated data analysis into a
2 comprehensive pilot project; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the secretary of children, youth and families,
5 the secretary of aging and long-term services, the secretary of
6 health and the secretary of human services.