

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE TO CONVENE A GROUP
3 OF DIVERSE STAKEHOLDERS WITH EXPERTISE IN THE AREA OF HEALTH
4 CARE DELIVERY, HEALTH COVERAGE AND HEALTH CARE ADVOCACY TO
5 REVIEW THE PATIENT PROTECTION ACT AND TO RECOMMEND CHANGES
6 AND ADDITIONS.

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8 WHEREAS, in 1998, New Mexico passed the groundbreaking
9 Patient Protection Act, which provided, in statute, a broad
10 range of rights for health care patients; and

11 WHEREAS, since 1998, health care delivery has changed
12 and evolved; and

13 WHEREAS, since 1998, the health insurance market has
14 changed and evolved; and

15 WHEREAS, since 1998, the role of the federal government
16 in health care in New Mexico has changed and evolved; and

17 WHEREAS, since 1998, individual patients have come
18 forward with concerns about the treatment received in
19 facilities; and

20 WHEREAS, since 1998, there have been many pieces of
21 legislation that have sought to address the changing face of
22 health care in New Mexico;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the office of superintendent of
25 insurance be requested to convene a group of diverse

1 stakeholders with expertise in the area of health care
2 delivery, health coverage and health care advocacy to conduct
3 a health care quality and case study that:

4 A. reviews the Patient Protection Act and other
5 patient protection legislation;

6 B. identifies gaps in patient protections; and

7 C. identifies legislation that could help fill the
8 gaps in patient protection; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the superintendent of
10 insurance be requested to report results of the health care
11 quality and cost study to the legislative health and human
12 services committee by October 1, 2019; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the governor, the chair and vice chair of the
15 legislative health and human services committee, the secretary
16 of human services, the secretary of health, the superintendent
17 of insurance and the executive director of the New Mexico
18 health insurance exchange. _____