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42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

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#### FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

#### A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STUDY AND REPORT ON A PROGRAM FOR REGULAR AND EARLY VISITS TO NEWBORNS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

WHEREAS, there are distinct programs that utilize some type of home visits to newborn infants and their parents; and

WHEREAS, such home visits have proven to be excellent opportunities for teaching child-development concepts and techniques as well as for giving necessary basic nutrition and health care education; and

WHEREAS, such home visitation programs have shown promise for reducing the incidents of child abuse and neglect, family breakups, untreated medical problems and other potentially dangerous or expensive social problems; and 1

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WHEREAS, many private insurers are now covering such home visits as part of their managed care or indemnity health insurance plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health report to the legislative health and human services committee on its efforts to incorporate early, regular and universal screening of newborns and their mothers in home visits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these visits and screening be incorporated into the medicaid; women, infants and children; food stamp; maternal and infant care; and healthier kids fund programs and be available at all primary care clinics and to all recipients of indigent health care funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health report on progress in coordinating state-funded visits with the coverage for home visits available through private insurers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the requested reports be made to the interim legislative health and human services committee at its October 1996 meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent to the secretary of health.

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Mr. President:

Your **RULES COMMTTEE**, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Howes, Chairman

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