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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 21

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

DANICE PICRAUX

FOR THE HEALTH CARE REFORM COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH
A TASK FORCE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT DEFINE REGIONS,
INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER NECESSARY ELEMENTS TO ALLOW REGIONAL
PURCHASING OF PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE.

WHEREAS, great variation exists in the state with regard to
access to and delivery of health care services; and

WHEREAS, different areas of the state have different
service capacities and supplies; and

WHEREAS, regionally based purchasing of publicly funded
health insurance, including regionalization of the medicaid
program, has been demonstrated in other states to control health
care costs and stimulate more effective use of the health care
marketplace; and

WHEREAS, in a formal study conducted by the nationally

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1 recognized Lewin consulting group for the New Mexico health
2 policy commission, it was projected that regionally based
3 purchasing of publicly funded health insurance could potentially
4 control health care costs and stimulate more effective use of
5 the health care marketplace in New Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, managed care has a limited penetration in many
7 rural areas of the state; and

8 WHEREAS, regionally based health care plans have the
9 potential to better meet the needs of each regional area due to
10 the knowledge and recommendations gained from community-based
11 providers; and

12 WHEREAS, conditions in many rural parts of the state,
13 including the availability of health professionals,
14 infrastructure and density, present unique challenges to the
15 development of managed care; and

16 WHEREAS, government is a major purchaser of health care in
17 New Mexico, and as such changes in the state's method of
18 purchasing publicly funded insurance may have significant
19 effects throughout the state's entire health care delivery
20 system;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico health policy commission
23 be requested to convene a task force to determine appropriate
24 geographic regions in the state for health care delivery,
25 identify market conditions and infrastructure that will promote

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1 regionalization of health care delivery and clarify financial,
2 quality assurance, certification, filing and reporting
3 requirements and other provisions necessary to promote
4 regionally based health care services purchased by publicly
5 funded health insurance, including medicaid; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico health policy
7 commission include on the task force representatives of the
8 department of health, the risk management division of the
9 general services department, the public school insurance
10 authority, the Albuquerque public school system, the department
11 of insurance, the medical assistance division of the human
12 services department, the retiree health care authority and
13 representatives of health care providers, facilities and
14 insurers; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a method be established to
16 gather data and information to assess and monitor the impact of
17 a regionally based purchasing strategy for publicly funded
18 health care and its effects on the state's health delivery
19 system, the insurance market and access to care for the
20 uninsured; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a report of the findings and
22 recommendations of the task force be presented to the
23 appropriate interim legislative committee by September 30, 1997;
24 and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent

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1 to the secretaries of health, human services and general
2 services, the superintendent of insurance, the chairs of the New
3 Mexico health policy commission, the public school insurance
4 authority and the retiree health care authority, the
5 superintendent of the Albuquerque public schools and the
6 governor.

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

February 18, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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Respectfully submitted,

Gary King, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

Yes: 9

Excused: Rios

Absent: None

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997**

February 25, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

**Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, 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,

Max Coll, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 13 For 1 Against

Yes: 13

No: Bird

Excused: Heaton, Wallace, Watchman

Absent: None

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 15, 1997

Mr. President:

Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 21

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Robinson, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Adair, Ingle, Vernon, Smith

Absent: None

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