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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 73

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

INTRODUCED BY

MIGUEL P. GARCIA

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT OR THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

WHEREAS, the medicaid program is currently fragmented between departments in state government; and

WHEREAS, the most vulnerable medicaid population is served by the department of health; and

WHEREAS, access to needed health care services would increase with a well-coordinated, centralized program; and

WHEREAS, the department of health is charged with protecting and promoting health for all New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, the entire spectrum of medicaid services must be studied so that a transition to managed care for the medicaid program is done in the context of the full array of covered

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1 services and eligible medicaid beneficiaries and not fragmented;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the medical assistance division be
4 transferred from the human services department or the workforce
5 development department to the department of health beginning
6 July 1, 1998; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretaries and staffs of
8 the human services department or the workforce development
9 department and the department of health be directed to work
10 together to examine the feasibility of moving the medical
11 assistance program to the department of health, including a plan
12 for implementation of the transfer completed by December 31,
13 1997; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of human services
15 or the secretary of workforce development and the secretary of
16 health be asked to report on their progress to the legislative
17 finance committee on a regular basis during the interim and to
18 the second session of the forty-third legislature; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislation transferring the
20 medical assistance division from the human services department
21 or the workforce development department to the department of
22 health be introduced during the second session of the forty-
23 third legislature; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the secretary of human services or the secretary

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of workforce development and the secretary of health.

State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 11, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES 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,

Rick Mi cra, Chair man

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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

Excused: Foy, Macko, Marquardt

Absent: None

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FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 18, 1997

Mr. President:

Your 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Robinson, Chairman

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