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SENATE MEMORIAL 8

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

INTRODUCED BY

CYNTHIA NAVA

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE
APPROPRIATE INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO STUDY AND REVIEW
ISSUES RELATED TO MANAGED CARE IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, managed care is a system of financing and
delivering health care using a network of selected health care
and service providers; and

WHEREAS, there is insufficient data to prove that managed
care will reduce health, behavioral health or other service and
program costs; and

WHEREAS, there is little data to prove that managed care
can produce improved health care outcomes, particularly in the
areas of behavioral health, developmental disabilities and long-
term care services; and

WHEREAS, the human services department plans to contract

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1 with managed care organizations for delivering health care
2 services to medicaid recipients; and

3 WHEREAS, most New Mexicans who depend on medicaid for their
4 health care are poor, elderly, adults and children with
5 disabilities, pregnant women, adults and children with severe
6 chronic health conditions and income-eligible adults and
7 children with a need for mental health, substance abuse,
8 developmental disability and long-term care, and these are
9 vulnerable populations with few alternative resources; and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexicans who are provided with private health
11 insurance through their employers or other means are
12 increasingly being moved into managed care plans; and

13 WHEREAS, the state has collected little data about managed
14 care as it related to access, cost-effectiveness, quality,
15 outcomes and the impact on recipients and on the state's primary
16 care providers, community-based programs or the public education
17 system;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
19 OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be
20 requested to direct the appropriate interim legislative
21 committee to:

22 A. determine if managed care is a cost-effective,
23 quality-driven system of health care delivery;

24 B. determine if a medicaid managed care system is
25 the most appropriate for delivery for health care, behavioral

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1 health, developmental disability and long-term care services in
2 New Mexico;

3 C. determine the costs of establishing managed care
4 systems in New Mexico, including whether costs of administering
5 a managed care plan diverts funding needed to provide direct
6 care for health and community-based specialty services; and

7 D. oversee development and refinement of licensing,
8 quality assurance, contracting and financial capacity standards
9 for managed care organizations operating in the state; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent
11 to each member of the New Mexico legislative council.

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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS.
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16 Respectfully submitted,
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21 Gloria Howes, Chairman
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Not Adopted _____

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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Aragon

Abstain: Adair, Gorham

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