

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING JANUARY 24, 2012 AS "MEDICAID APPRECIATION DAY"
3 IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, medicaid provides a foundation for New Mexico's
6 economy, bringing over two billion six hundred million
7 dollars (\$2,600,000,000) in federal funds each year to
8 New Mexico; and

9 WHEREAS, medicaid funding sustains more than fifty
10 thousand jobs in the state, mostly in the private health care
11 sector; and

12 WHEREAS, medicaid is a lifeline, providing health care
13 for one-fourth of New Mexicans, serving more than five
14 hundred fifty thousand people; and

15 WHEREAS, medicaid helps reduce private insurance rates
16 by providing health care coverage to uninsured New Mexicans;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the majority of medicaid funds come from
19 federal dollars, making it the most economical way to provide
20 health care to New Mexicans; and

21 WHEREAS, medicaid is the medical insurance used by the
22 most vulnerable members of New Mexico's population, such as
23 low-income children, seniors, people living with
24 disabilities, pregnant women and extremely poor adults; and

25 WHEREAS, all New Mexicans benefit when medicaid provides

1 the means for its participants to stay healthy and lead
2 productive lives; and

3 WHEREAS, each New Mexico county relies upon medicaid to
4 meet its obligation to serve the health care needs of
5 very-low-income residents; and

6 WHEREAS, medicaid is the most cost-effective means by
7 which New Mexico can ensure provision of critical health care
8 to New Mexicans who cannot afford to buy insurance; and

9 WHEREAS, maintaining medicaid services at no cost to
10 recipients best serves the health care needs of those
11 recipients and exhibits great economic wisdom; and

12 WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of New Mexico's
13 voters believe that medicaid is an important health care
14 program and that its services and funding should not be cut;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the people of the state of New Mexico want and
17 need a medicaid program that is robustly and adequately
18 funded, enrolls all eligible New Mexicans, includes a full
19 range of health care coverage and recognizes that medicaid
20 participants need and want a program that is fully accessible
21 to them without barriers imposed by provider shortages or
22 economic hardship;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 24, 2012 be recognized as
25 "Medicaid Appreciation Day" in the senate; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the house of representatives
2 be requested to join the senate in celebrating medicaid
3 appreciation day and support a robust and adequately funded
4 medicaid program; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Governor Martinez and her
6 cabinet be requested to support a medicaid program that
7 preserves all medicaid services with no increased costs for
8 participants and ensures that all eligible New Mexicans are
9 enrolled; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to
11 join the senate in funding the medicaid program adequately to
12 ensure its ongoing success; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the governor, the speaker of the house of
15 representatives and the secretary of human services. _____

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