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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CHARGE THE
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
WITH CONVENING A WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE MEDICAID
REIMBURSEMENT FOR CHIROPRACTIC MEDICINE SERVICES.

WHEREAS, a chiropractic cost-effectiveness study conducted
by Muse and associates in 2001 examined the cost-saving impact
that chiropractic care has on costs in the federal medicare
program that provides coverage to elders and disabled
individuals; and

WHEREAS, a federal medicare demonstration pilot program
reported to the United States congress in 2010 made a
comparison between the cost of treatment for the same diagnosis
between chiropractic physicians and medical doctors and showed
that chiropractic physicians in New Mexico saved the program

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1 fourteen million dollars (\$14,000,000) over the course of the
2 two-year study; and

3 WHEREAS, the New Mexico first centennial town hall report
4 in 2012, which made policy recommendations on education,
5 economic development, energy policy, health care and water
6 issues, recommended that chiropractic medicine services be
7 included in the state medicaid plan; and

8 WHEREAS, the Presbyterian community health forum in 2012
9 recommended the inclusion of chiropractic medicine services in
10 the state medicaid plan; and

11 WHEREAS, the prescription drug misuse and overdose
12 prevention and pain management advisory council in 2013
13 recommended that the human services department expand medically
14 assisted treatment options for persons living with opioid
15 dependence and expand reimbursement options for alternative
16 treatment modalities for chronic pain, including chiropractic
17 services; and

18 WHEREAS, many insurance plans already include
19 reimbursement for chiropractic medicine services;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
21 OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of human services be requested
22 to charge the medical assistance division of the human services
23 department with convening a working group to explore the
24 reimbursement of chiropractic medicine services through the
25 state's medicaid program; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of human
2 services be requested to invite to participate in the working
3 group representatives from the medical assistance division, the
4 New Mexico medical society, the Robert Wood Johnson foundation,
5 the center for health policy at the university of New Mexico,
6 the New Mexico public health association, the New Mexico
7 osteopathic association, the Bernalillo county opioid
8 accountability initiative, the Bernalillo county community
9 health council, the New Mexico practitioner council, a
10 statewide health consumer advocacy organization and the
11 medicaid centennial care managed care organizations; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the medicaid chiropractic
13 services working group be requested to make recommendations
14 regarding medicaid reimbursement for chiropractic medicine
15 services to the legislative health and human services committee
16 by October 1, 2016; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the secretary of human services and the
19 president of the New Mexico chiropractic association.