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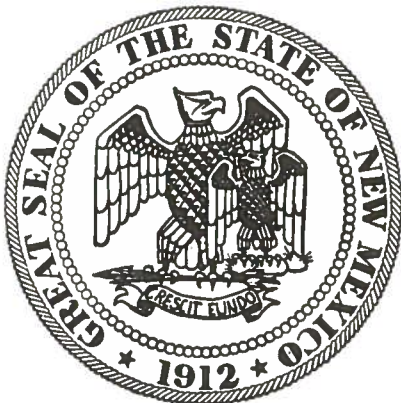
CHAPTER _____

HOUSE MEMORIAL 17

Introduced by

REPRESENTATIVE MIMI STEWART

AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING JANUARY 24, 2012 AS "MEDICAID APPRECIATION DAY" IN
3 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, medicaid is the foundation for New Mexico's
6 health care system; and

7 WHEREAS, medicaid provides a foundation for New Mexico's
8 economy, bringing over two billion six hundred million dollars
9 (\$2,600,000,000) in federal funds each year to New Mexico; and

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

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

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, all New Mexicans benefit when medicaid provides
2 the means for its participants to stay healthy and lead
3 productive lives; and

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

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

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

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

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 24,

1 2012 be recognized as "Medicaid Appreciation Day" in the house
2 of representatives; and

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

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

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to
13 join the house of representatives in funding the medicaid
14 program adequately to ensure its ongoing success; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the governor, the president pro tempore of the
17 senate and the secretary of human services.

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BEN LUJAN, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



STEPHEN R. ARIAS, CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES