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1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO PEDIATRIC SOCIETY TO CONVENE A
3 "PEDIATRIC SPECIALTY CARE TASK FORCE" TO EXAMINE THE
4 AVAILABILITY OF PEDIATRIC SPECIALTY SERVICES IN THE STATE AND
5 MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING THE SYSTEM OF MEDICAL CARE
6 FOR CHILDREN IN NEW MEXICO TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE ACCESS TO
7 CARE THAT IS INTEGRATED, EQUITABLE, EFFICIENT, COST-EFFECTIVE
8 AND FAMILY-CENTERED.

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10 WHEREAS, the United States health resources and services
11 administration, also known as "HRSA", reports that New Mexico
12 has more than seventy thousand children with special health
13 care needs; and

14 WHEREAS, specialty care for children in New Mexico is
15 currently fragmented between two large systems, and pediatric
16 specialists are difficult to recruit and retain; and

17 WHEREAS, the pediatric specialists are located almost
18 exclusively in Albuquerque and as such are not accessible to
19 the entire pediatric population of the state; and

20 WHEREAS, those pediatric specialists that practice in
21 Albuquerque are found almost exclusively at the university of
22 New Mexico hospital or Presbyterian hospital; and

23 WHEREAS, fifty-three percent of children in New Mexico
24 are covered by medicaid or the children's health insurance
25 program, also known as "CHIP", and two of the four managed

1 care organizations currently providing services to medicaid
2 and CHIP recipients are not contracted with the university of
3 New Mexico children's hospital; and

4 WHEREAS, the children of New Mexico deserve equal access
5 to needed medical treatment regardless of their age, race,
6 ethnicity, location, socioeconomic status or health coverage
7 status;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New
10 Mexico pediatric society be requested to convene a "pediatric
11 specialty care task force" to examine the availability of
12 pediatric specialty services in the state and make
13 recommendations for improving the system of medical care for
14 children in New Mexico to ensure that care is integrated,
15 equitable, efficient, cost-effective and family-centered; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pediatric specialty care
17 task force be requested to establish as its goals the
18 following: improving health outcomes for children; improving
19 patient and family satisfaction with their medical care; and
20 making best use of the resources available in New Mexico in a
21 cost-effective manner; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico pediatric
23 society be requested to invite representatives of the
24 following entities to join the pediatric specialty care task
25 force: the human services department; the department of

1 health; the New Mexico legislature; the university of New
2 Mexico children's hospital; Presbyterian hospital; New Mexico
3 families; medicaid managed care organizations; and others as
4 the New Mexico pediatric society deems appropriate; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pediatric specialty care
6 task force be requested to report its findings and
7 recommendations to the legislative health and human services
8 committee and the legislative finance committee by December
9 1, 2018; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the chair and vice chair of the legislative
12 health and human services committee, the secretary of health,
13 the secretary of human services, the executive director of the
14 New Mexico pediatric society, the chancellor for health
15 sciences of the university of New Mexico and the chief
16 executive officer of Presbyterian healthcare services. _____



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