

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2005 - 42

A Resolution Opposing any Proposed Funding Cuts to the Federal Medicaid Program

WHEREAS, authorized under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, Medicaid is a means-tested entitlement program administered by the states;

WHEREAS, Medicaid provides health and long-term care insurance to approximately 53 million low-income children, families, seniors, and persons with disabilities at a total cost of over \$300 billion;

WHEREAS, both federal and state governments finance the Medicaid program based on the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) which is individually calculated for each state;

WHEREAS, in many states, counties are ultimately responsible for the provision of health care to the uninsured, and counties rely heavily on the Medicaid program for support;

WHEREAS, many states also look to counties to provide funds to help finance the Medicaid program;

WHEREAS, counties play a unique role as both payers and providers in the Medicaid program;

WHEREAS, all levels of government are experiencing budget deficits, while at the same time, the number of uninsured and the cost of health care have increased dramatically, placing increased strain on state Medicaid programs;

WHEREAS, Congress and the Bush Administration have recognized the need for Medicaid reform;

WHEREAS, the President's fiscal year 2006 budget is proposing a "savings" of \$60 billion over 10 years by decreasing "inappropriate federal spending on Medicaid intergovernmental transfers and other overpayments";

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WHEREAS, a decrease in federal spending on Medicaid would impact payments which include intergovernmental transfers, as well as the upper payment limits, provider taxes, and administrative costs which are vital to the counties' provision of Medicaid services; and

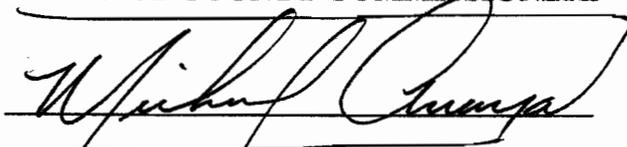
WHEREAS, the Medicaid program should continue to remain the federal government's primary responsibility for provision of health care to the country's most vulnerable citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County hereby:

- Opposes the \$60 billion cut in Medicaid as proposed in the President's fiscal year 2006 budget;
- Opposes a block grant of the Medicaid program, as well as caps on federal entitlement programs;
- Opposes measures which would shift costs to counties; and
- Additionally, supports legislation introduced in the House and Senate by Representatives Heather Wilson (R-NM) and Donna Christian-Christiansen (D-VI) and Senators Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) and Gordon Smith (R-OR). This legislation creates a Bipartisan Commission on Medicaid which will conduct a comprehensive and forthright study of the Medicaid program

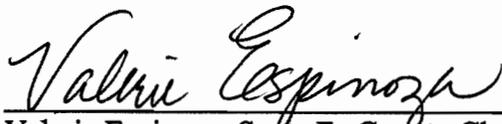
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of April, 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



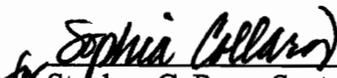
Michael D. Anaya, Chairman

ATTEST:



Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


for Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney

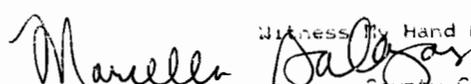


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STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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I Herby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 13TH Day Of April, A D , 2005 at 08 37 And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1375240 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office

Valerie Espinoza
Deputy County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM