SANTA FE COUNTY
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A RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO FULLY FUND NEW MEXICO'S MEDICAID PROGRAM WITH NO FURTHER CUTS

WHEREAS, over 420,000 (almost one in four) New Mexicans are enrolled in New Mexico's Medicaid Program, including the most vulnerable elderly, people with disabilities, children and those living in extreme poverty;

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Human Services Department needs at least $100 million to prevent further cuts to the Medicaid budget, to maintain Medicaid benefits and services at current levels;

WHEREAS, Medicaid is an economic development program with a guaranteed return of $3 from the federal government for every $1 New Mexico invests;

WHEREAS, every $1 invested in New Mexico's Medicaid Program generates $7.46 in economic activity as it cycles through the economy, for a total of $3 billion annually;

WHEREAS, the healthcare industry employs over 71,000 New Mexicans, and these jobs pay 13% higher wages than other industries in the state;

WHEREAS, 44,619 New Mexico jobs are supported by Medicaid funding;

WHEREAS, 80% of New Mexico jobs funded by Medicaid are in the private sector and these jobs privately insure more than 35,000 employees and their families;

WHEREAS, every $10 million cut in New Mexico's Medicaid Program results in a loss of 1,090 jobs and $29 million in lost compensation;

WHEREAS, reductions in Medicaid provider rates, will force doctors and other providers to close practices, especially in rural areas, and will impose financial burdens on hospitals threatening their continued operation;

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WHEREAS, reducing Medicaid funding negatively impacts economic development and new business will not move into communities that lack a healthcare infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, not fully funding Medicaid will have an adverse impact on the health of our citizens and the economic health of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners hereby urges the Governor and the Legislature of the State of New Mexico to fully fund New Mexico's Medicaid Program for Fiscal Year 2006 and that there be no further cuts in services, eligibility or provider rates for FY 2006.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 14 **DAY OF** December, **2004.**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Paul D. Campos, ~~Chairman~~

ATTEST:

Rebecca Bustamante, Santa Fe County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney

COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed In Record On The 16TH Day Of December, A.D., 2004 at 15:06 And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1359208 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Rebecca Bustamante
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

Deputy

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