

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SANTA FE COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 140**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE USES OF THE SANTA FE  
COUNTY HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE FUND TO SUPPORT  
THE COUNTY HEALTH CARE ACTION PLAN AND TO  
INCREASE THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
FOR SANTA FE COUNTY RESIDENTS**

**WHEREAS**, a healthy community is a key goal for Santa Fe County ("County"); and

**WHEREAS**, the County has taken an active and strategic role in setting priorities for and funding health care assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") approved the *Santa Fe County Health Action Plan* and priorities recommended by the Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act, NMSA 1978, Section 27-5-1 et seq. ("the Act"), as amended, created in the Santa Fe County Treasury the County Health Care Assistance Fund, which may be used to pay for ambulance services, burial or cremation expenses, and health care services for indigent patients; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 27-5-6(G) of the Act provides that a county may contract with health care providers for the provision of services for indigent patients domiciled within the county; and

**WHEREAS** by Resolution No. 2014-47, the Board adopted a Health Care Assistance Program in accordance with the Act as amended, to provide health care services for indigent patients domiciled in the County, and to support the health priorities set forth in the *Santa Fe County Health Action Plan*, and authorized the Health Care Assistance Fund ("the Fund") to be used for these purposes; and

**WHEREAS** on May 20, 2016, during a Budget Study Session, the Board recommended a proposed three-year plan for the Health Care Assistance Program committing funding for Fiscal Years 2017-2019 to bolster existing and begin new initiatives aligned with the *Santa Fe County Health Action Plan*, including in behavioral health, to identify service delivery gaps, and to create a system for linking County residents to needed health, behavioral health and social services as an evidence-based practice for improving health and reducing costs; and

**WHEREAS** on June 3, 2016, the Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission endorsed the proposed three-year plan for Fiscal Years 2017-2019; and

**WHEREAS** the three-year plan for Fiscal Years 2017-2019 includes the following expenditures for the Health Care Assistance Program using \$3.3 million from the nonrecurring Fund balance: \$1,347,000 in Fiscal Year 2017, \$1,218,000 in Fiscal Year 2018, and \$735,000 in Fiscal Year 2019; and

**WHEREAS** on June 28, 2016, the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2017 budget that included the first year of the three-year plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 28, 2016, by Resolution No. 2016-70, the Board authorized the use of the Fund to pay for health care services for indigent patients residing at the County's detention facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board continues to support the uses of the Fund to further County health priorities and community-based provider services and increase the provision of health care services for Santa Fe County residents through the Health Care Assistance Program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County:

1. The Board is committed to continued financial support for the three-year plan for the Health Care Assistance Program in Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019.

2. It is the intent of the Board that the Fund be used primarily by the Health Care Assistance Program for the purposes established in Resolution No. 2014-47 and such other purposes as the Board may determine to further the health priorities of the County.

3. If, as provided in paragraph (4) of Resolution No. 2016-70, the Board establishes any amount of the Fund available for the costs authorized in Resolution 2016-70 in the operating budget approved by the Board for a fiscal year, there will be opportunity for the Health Policy and Planning Commission to provide advice prior to approval.

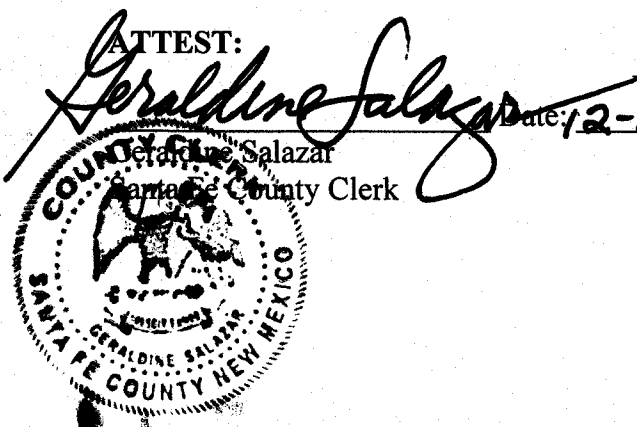
**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December, 2016.**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

By: Miguel Chavez  
Miguel Chavez, Chair

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



Geraldine Salazar  
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 12-13-2016

Gregory S. Shaffer  
Santa Fe County Attorney

Date: 11/16/2016

COUNTY OF SANTA FE )  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO ) ss

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Geraldine Salazar  
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

