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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP
STANDARDS FOR ELECTRONIC PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
TRANSACTIONS FOR DRUGS AND DEVICES.

WHEREAS, according to the 2009 national progress report
on e-prescribing by the national association of boards of
pharmacy, the number of electronic prescriptions increased by
one hundred eighty-one percent from 2008 to 2009. Over one
hundred ninety million e-prescriptions were routed in 2009,
compared with sixty-eight million in 2008 and twenty-nine
million in 2007. Correlating with those increases, one
hundred fifty-six thousand prescribers were using
e-prescriptions by the end of 2009, compared with
seventy-four thousand at the end of 2008, a one hundred nine
percent increase; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 national progress report on
e-prescribing also indicates that eighty-five percent of
community pharmacies in the United States are connected and
able to receive e-prescriptions from prescribers; and

WHEREAS, the use of e-prescribing will likely continue
to grow, influenced in part by new government regulations
such as the federal drug enforcement administration's interim
final rule for electronic prescribing of controlled
substances and the meaningful-use requirements in federal

1 health care reform legislation; and

2 WHEREAS, given the increasing number of e-prescriptions
3 and the current lack of standards on e-prescribing and
4 e-prior authorization, standardized processes should be
5 established in order to reduce costs in the system and
6 streamline the process for physicians, pharmacists and
7 patients; and

8 WHEREAS, the American medical association, the
9 pharmaceutical care management association, the
10 pharmaceutical research and manufacturers of America and
11 others affected have endorsed principles to develop standards
12 for e-prescribing;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council
15 be requested to direct the legislative health and human
16 services committee to hold a hearing on or before
17 November 1, 2011 on developing standards for e-prior
18 authorization request transactions for drugs and devices,
19 with the goal of maximizing administrative simplification and
20 efficiency in preparation for electronic transmission; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative health and
22 human services committee invite representatives from the
23 health medical records Lovelace foundation, the New Mexico
24 prescription improvement coalition and other interested
25 stakeholders to the hearing on developing the standards for

1 e-prior authorization request transactions for drugs and
2 devices; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
5 council. _____

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