

COUNTY OF GRANT
SUPPORT of HR 5698

Whereas the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, Part 435.1008 states that federal financial participation (FFP) is not available in expenditures for services provided to individuals who are inmates of public institutions, and

Whereas, States being unable to assume federal share of providing medical services to FFP eligible persons being held in county jails and detention facilities, tend to terminate and sometimes suspend eligibility, and

Whereas this immediate cessation of benefits occurs prior to the issuance of formal charges or conviction, and

Whereas, as the result of this regulation to immediately cease FFP for medical benefits, all costs of medical care must be borne solely by counties:

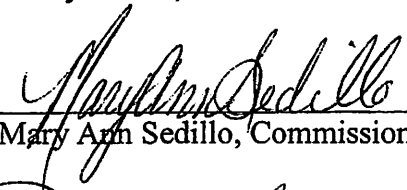
Whereas, counties must provide medical services to all persons incarcerated in local jails and detention facilities, and

Whereas, between the time when Medicaid Managed Care was implemented in New Mexico in 1997 and the spring of 2001, over 60 mental health care facilities closed their doors, and

Whereas, detention facilities' mental and medical costs have sharply increased with the closure of the more than 60 public mental health care facilities since the closures inadvertently moved those mental health patients to detention facilities that lacked sufficient mental health care resources

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of Commissioners requests and strongly urges Congress to amend necessary federal statutes to allow federal financial participation for medical benefits to incarcerated individuals until convicted and sentenced to secure detention.


Henry Torres, Chairman


Mary Ann Sedillo, Commissioner


Jovita Gonzales, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Robert Zamarripa, County Clerk



STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF GRANT)

The Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Grant County (the "County"), in the State of New Mexico, met in open special session in full conformity with law and the ordinances and rules of the County, in the Conference Room of the Grant County Administration Building, 1400 Highway 180 East, Silver City, New Mexico, in the County, being the regular meeting place of the Board, at 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, June 12, 2008 at which time there were present and answering the roll call the following members:

Chairman:	Henry Torres
Commissioners:	Mary Ann Sedillo
	Jovita Gonzales

Absent:	None
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Thereupon the following proceedings, among others, were had and taken, to wit:

There was officially filed with the County Clerk, the Chairman and each Commissioner, a copy of a resolution in final form, which is as follows: