

A Resolution Supporting the Updated 2015 Legislative Priorities of the New Mexico Association of Counties

WHEREAS, in August 2014, the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Association of Counties approved eight legislative priorities for consideration by the New Mexico Legislature at its 2015 regular legislative session; *and*

WHEREAS, NMAC has requested that the Board of County Commissioners in each of the state's 33 counties adopt a resolution supporting NMAC's legislative priorities; *and*

WHEREAS, this is an important step in assuring maximum understanding of, and support for, NMAC's legislative priorities at the county level; *and*

WHEREAS, the adoption of such resolutions will enable NMAC to demonstrate to the state legislature local and statewide support for NMAC's legislative priorities; *and*

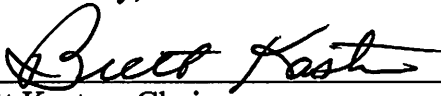
WHEREAS, the NMAC Board of Directors at its meeting of October 17, 2014 rescinded the original resolution regarding SB 268 Hospital Funding; *and*

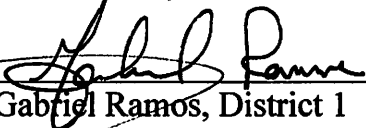
WHEREAS, the NMAC Board of Directors substituted the attached resolution to restore the sunset on the mandated county funding of the Safety Net Care Pool with an extra year to coincide with the expiration of the Medicaid waiver through 2018; *and*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grant County Board of Commissioners does hereby support the updated legislative priorities of the New Mexico Association of Counties, and urges that legislation incorporating these updated priorities be enacted by the state legislature during its 2015 regular legislative session.

ADOPTED this 12th of November, 2014.

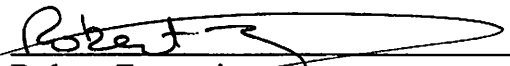
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
Grant County, NEW MEXICO


Brett Kasten, Chairman 12/12/2014
Date


Gabriel Ramos, District 1 12/12/2014
Date


Ron Hall, District 3 12/12/2014
Date

ATTEST:


Robert Zamarripa,
County Clerk

NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
HEALTH CARE POLICY COMMITTEE, RESOLUTION # 2

1. Short Title or Subject	Restoring SNCP Sunset Clause + Extra Year
2. Affected Affiliates	Health Services, Managers, Commissioners
3. Impact on County Revenues/Finance	\$27 million per year
4. Legislation Resolution or Policy Statement Or Resolution for Congressional Delegation	Legislation Resolution
5. Requested as NMAC Legislative Priority	Yes

WHEREAS, The 2014 Legislature passed and the Governor signed SB 268, which included a three-year sunset that was intended to allow a pilot period and subsequent reassessment of funding for the new State Safety Net Care Pool (SNCP); and

WHEREAS, counties want time to assess the full impact of the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Governor line-item vetoed some provisions of the bill, striking the three-year sunset clause, making county contributions to the SNCP a mandate in perpetuity, thereby significantly increasing that appropriation; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2014 the Board of Directors approved the resolution on SB 268 Hospital Funding as a priority, which among other things proposed to remove the county responsibility to fund the SNCP; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors now approves a long term goal to remove the county responsibility to fund the SNCP and substitutes the October 17, 2014 resolution for the August 7, 2014 resolution on SNCP funding for the 2015 legislation set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New Mexico Association of Counties support legislation as an NMAC 2015 priority, that would restore the sunset on the mandated county funding of the Safety Net Care Pool and with an extra year to coincide with the expiration of the Medicaid waiver through 2018.

Signed 

NMAC President

Date 10/17/2014