



RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2017-16

Opposing the State Placing Any Additional Financial Burden upon Counties to Fund the State Medicaid Program

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Indigent Hospital and County Healthcare Act “Each individual County of the State is the responsible agency for ambulance transportation, hospital care or the provision of healthcare to indigent patients domiciled in that County, as determined by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners, in addition to providing support for the State’s Medicaid Program”; and,

WHEREAS, in 2014 the State of New Mexico terminated the Sole Community Provider Program and created a new Statewide Safety Net Care Pool Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the 2014 changes in creating the Safety Net Care Pool Fund, by legislative enactment, was not applied to all of the New Mexico Counties; and,

WHEREAS, those Counties affected by the 2014 enactment of the Safety Net Care Pool Fund pay 1/16th percent to fund the state Medicaid program. Roosevelt County’s annual contribution to the State Medicaid program is over \$190,000 a year; and,

WHEREAS, those Counties affected by the 2014 enactment of the Safety Net Care Pool Fund pay 1/12th percent to fund the Safety Net Care Pool (SNCP) program. Roosevelt County’s contribution to the Safety Net Care Pool Program for fiscal year 17 is \$254,100; and,

WHEREAS, to meet the statutory obligations imposed on them, the Counties had to reduce County services or increase taxes to fund the State Medicaid Program and the State Safety Net Care Pool Program; and,

WHEREAS, New Mexico counties currently provide extensive funding and support to their indigent residents; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt County’s annual contribution to the state Medicaid program is over \$190,000 a year; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt County’s contribution to the Safety Net Care Pool Program for fiscal year 17 is \$254,100; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt County opposes any legislation that would further shift federal and state costs to the County; and,

WHEREAS, Roosevelt County supports legislation requiring local hospitals and healthcare providers to accept any and all funds paid or transferred to it (them) from the State Medicaid and/or State Safety Net Care Pool Program to cover ALL of their costs, expenses, billing, other claims for providing medical and/or healthcare services to the indigent population in Roosevelt County.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Roosevelt County Commission opposes legislation requesting counties to increase their distribution to the County Supported Medicaid Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature require that all hospitals and healthcare providers that receive State funding for their Medicaid Program and payment from the Safety Net Care Pool Program be responsible for and cover the costs of all indigent healthcare.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 21st day of February, 2017.

**BODY OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

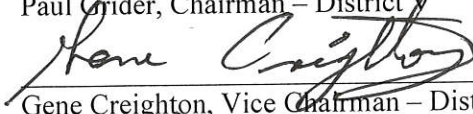
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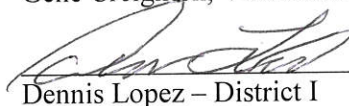
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Paul Grider, Chairman – District V



Gene Creighton, Vice Chairman – District IV

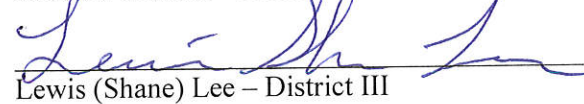


Dennis Lopez – District I

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Matthew Hunton – District II



Lewis (Shane) Lee – District III

