



**VALENCIA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 2017-20**

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

WHEREAS, the Valencia County Commission met upon notice of meeting duly published on March 1, 2017, at 3:00 P.M. in the Valencia County Administration Building, 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Indigent Hospital and County Healthcare Act, “[e]ach 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”;

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; 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 Fund (SNCP) program; 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,

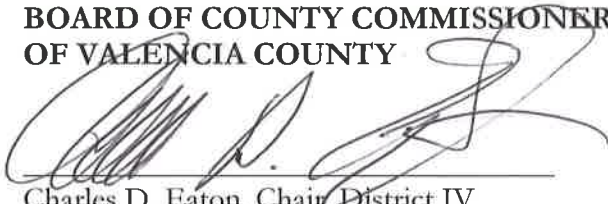
WHEREAS, Valencia County opposes any legislation that would further shift federal and state costs to the County; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County that it opposes legislation requesting counties to increase their distribution to the County Supported Medicaid Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County that it calls upon the Legislature to 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 on this 1st day of March, 2017.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF VALENCIA COUNTY**

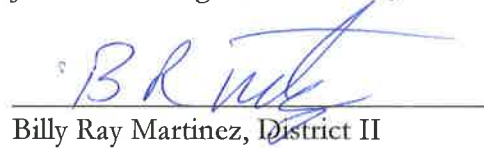


Charles D. Eaton, Chair, District IV

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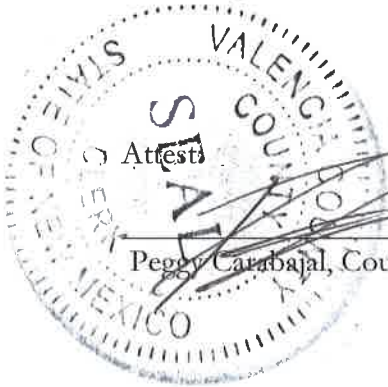
Helen Y. Cole, District I



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Attest

Peggy Carabajal, County Clerk