

League of United Latin American Citizens

Resolution to Support the New Mexico Health Security Act

Whereas, LULAC National fully supports affordable, accessible, quality health care for all as a right; and

Whereas, the Affordable Care Act's passage was a major step forward to achieving these goals;

Whereas, major inroads have been made to reduce New Mexico's rate of uninsured from 22% to 13%; and

Whereas, serious challenges still confront the state of New Mexico, which impact its state budget; and

Whereas, premiums and out-of-pocket costs are increasing, pharmaceutical drug prices are escalating and provider networks are shrinking; and

Whereas, the Affordable Care Act's waiver for state innovation provision allows states to develop solutions appropriate to their circumstances as long as their plan meets federal standards; and

Whereas, the New Mexico Health Security Act will enable the state to set-up its own health plan that automatically covers most residents, provides freedom of choice of doctor and hospital, comprehensive services and controls healthcare costs; and

Whereas, 150 New Mexico organizations and 34 counties and municipalities have endorsed the Health Security Act;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that LULAC National is in full support and urges passage of the Health Security Act during the 2017 New Mexico legislative session;

Voted and approved at the 2016 National LULAC Convention - July 16, 2016.

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