

**NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
HEALTHCARE AFFILIATE
RESOLUTION NUMBER 1**

**Standardized Reporting from Sole Community Provider
Hospitals**

WHEREAS, NM State Statute 27-5-5.1 requires counties to file an annual report with the Health Policy Commission concerning annual county revenues and expenditures associated with Indigent Funding. 27-5-7.C states that “the fund shall be audited in the manner that other state and county funds are audited...”; and 27-5-12.2 C. states that counties shall "confirm the amount of the sole community provider hospital payments authorized for each hospital . . .based on a report prepared by the hospital using a format jointly prescribed by the counties and hospitals that provides aggregate data, including the number of indigent patients served and the total cost of uncompensated care provided by the hospital”; and

WHEREAS, in November 2007, under Senate Memorial 34, the Health Policy Commission, as requested by the Legislature, and in conjunction with hospitals and counties, published a standard definition of Uncompensated Care providing a formula for accurate reporting by hospitals; and

WHEREAS, the federal Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, which provides matching federal funds for the Sole Community Provider Program, has requested increased transparency and accountability in the Sole Community Provider program through a proposed rule change; and

WHEREAS, the NM State Legislature, the NM Human Services Department Medical Assistance Division, the NM Health Policy Commission, and counties would benefit greatly from standard data reporting by all Sole Community Provider Hospitals for the purposes of Health Care Planning,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE that the New Mexico Association of Counties seek legislation directing the Health Policy Commission to develop, implement, and publish annually, a standardized report by Sole Community Provider hospitals.

Chair, Health Care Affiliate

Date

Chair, Treasurer’s Affiliate

Date