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RESOLUTION 2016-08

NMAC Healthcare Policy Committee

WHEREAS, Colfax County care greatly about health care for their local citizens and value their local hospitals, particularly in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, Colfax County have long played an integral role in providing health care services for their indigent residents; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 20 years Colfax County have worked collaboratively with their local community hospitals in helping fund the Sole Community Provider program and in coordinating health care for their local citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Sole Community Provider program has now been replaced by the Safety Net Care Pool (SNCP), which provides funding for community hospitals for Medicaid base rate increases and uncompensated care; and

WHEREAS, Colfax County role under the SNCP has been significantly diminished and their financial contribution to the SNCP no longer has any relationship to the funds disseminated by the Human Services Department (HSD) to the counties' respective community hospitals; and

WHEREAS, finding a solution to funding the SNCP requires communication and cooperation among the various stakeholders—counties, hospitals, and the state, in both the legislative and executive branches.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Colfax County strongly opposes any legislation that imposes a further financial obligation for counties to fund the SNCP and hospitals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Colfax County will endorse and support legislation which protects Colfax County's autonomy and discretion over the use of County imposed Indigent Health Care gross receipts tax revenues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Colfax County supports mandatory County participation as a critical stakeholder and primary funding source in all discussions and planning with the New Mexico Human Services Department regarding any and all funding methods to secure the future of safety net care pool for local hospitals both public and private.

APPROVED IN OPEN MEETING THIS 26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

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