

SANTA FE COUNTY RESOLUTION

NO. 2013- 88

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUSPENSION OF MEDICAID BENEFITS IN LIEU OF TERMINATION UPON INCARCERATION IN COUNTY DETENTION CENTERS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

WHEREAS, it is very expensive through law enforcement, criminal justice and incarceration costs to manage people that commit crimes associated with behavior from untreated substance use and mental disorders;

WHEREAS, lack of access to health care after discharge from incarceration, including treatment for substance use and mental health disorders, is a major risk factor for recidivism and for committing crimes in people with untreated substance use and mental disorders;

WHEREAS, having Medicaid benefits upon discharge from a county detention center will allow for the inmate to be linked upon discharge to treatment resources for substance use and mental health disorders;

WHEREAS, treatment of substance use and mental disorders has been well demonstrated to reduce recidivism, overdose and suicide, and every dollar invested in treatment has been well demonstrated to give a \$7 return in criminal justice savings and a \$5 return in medical savings;

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2014 likely more than 90% of county inmates will be eligible for Medicaid benefits compared to around 10% currently. These Medicaid benefits will be paid for 100% by the federal government for about 90% of inmates, with little cost to the counties except to help inmates sign up for Medicaid using the state's new automated online system in 2014;

WHEREAS, savings to the counties will be great by leveraging federal dollars.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Santa Fe County Board of Commissioners supports legislation that would require the suspension of Medicaid in lieu of termination upon incarceration in county detention centers for youth and adults such that: (1) inmates would still have their Medicaid medical benefits upon discharge if they had Medicaid upon admission or (2) be able to apply for Medicaid benefits at any time during their incarceration and if still incarcerated when they receive their benefits have their Medicaid benefits suspended until discharge when they would automatically become active.

ADOPTED this 24th day of September, 2013

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Kathy Holian

Commissioner Kathy Holian, Chair
District 4

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Stephen C. Ross, County Attorney

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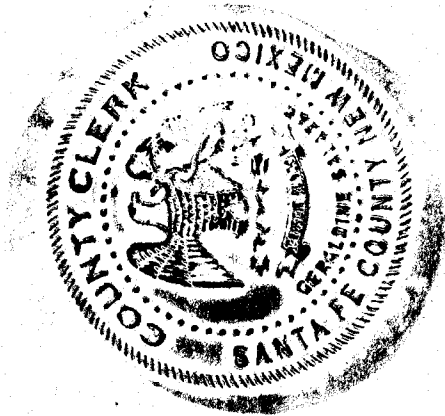
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Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

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Geraldine Salazar
Deputy County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM



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