

**New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee
Fiscal Analysis of the Health Security Act Plan
Public Meeting Notes
December 31, 2019**

	Speaker	Comment
1	Anne Sperling – Vanguard Resources, Inc	Hope insurance brokers are involved. They talk to the people.
2	Arthur F. – CWA 7076	Making the effort towards working with insurance companies takes a lot of time. Make sure the report is credible and local. Keep in premium-based program (not tax).
3	Jessica Velasquez - Candidate for State	Concerned with rural care and access to care
4	Gerald Ortiz y Pino – State Senate	This is the third time studying this issue. We need a “feasibility study” and need to act on recommendations.
5	Max Bartlett - Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign	Advantage of this study is to learn precisely what the cost of HSAP would be. There was a lot of work with stakeholders, so the legislation reflects their input.
6	Mary Feldblum – Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign	<p>A. Need New Mexico-specific data and address New Mexico requirements. Data needs: Need admission cost savings to providers; (2) admission cost to insurers and states.</p> <p>B. No duplications of tasks. Examine study on pharmaceutical drugs savings. Look at consulting report. Government: Urban doing something on uninsured.</p> <p>C. Make sure you can justify the assumptions and explain why you made that assumption.</p> <p>D. Fixed assumption – Automatic enrollment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance can’t offer service, offer HSAP • State insurance • Global budget hospitals • Bulk purchasing • CON Program <p>E. Not tax-based system – Only those in the plan are required to pay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear exemptions but 2 voluntary groups: ERISA companies and tribal nations. • Assume Medicare is in/out. <p>F. Provider Payments – Allow for new payment systems, don’t assume Medicaid. Bill higher rates for rural [VBIP juries out].</p>
8	Donna Dowell – Nurse Practitioner	A. Byzantine system in New Mexico. Undervalue time spent with patient.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to electronic medical records • Prior authorization <p>B. Providers are leaving state, problems of access to care. Undervalue time spent with patient.</p> <p>C. Goal of study – Can savings from plan cover the cost of the plan. Is it financially viable?</p>
9	Gloria Lehmer – Citizen	Supporter of HSAP. Guaranteed coverage allows freedom of provider choice. Not government run – community representative. Not single payer. Money stays in state.
10	Esther Griego – St. Andrew Presbyterian Church	Supportive. Does outreach to support bill.
11	Mark Epstein – True Health New Mexico	<p>A. “Evils” – Cost shifting, monopolistic behavior</p> <p>B. Surprising billing legislation – offers hope something can be done.</p> <p>C. Old/aging population of providers.</p>
12	William Orr – Citizen and Geriatrician	<p>A. Covered - SNF benefit, acute home health</p> <p>B. Behavioral health spending – may be low/inadequate</p> <p>C. Explain demand is on the supply side. Do we have providers to delay care? Work force.</p> <p>D. Transportation is key – can you incorporate?</p> <p>E. Is this analysis going to answer questions if the previous analysis doesn’t work?</p>
13	Unknown	Will there be other opportunities for public input?
14	Bill Chafer	Who is making choices? Are those in ERISA employers.
15	Colin Baillio - Health Action New Mexico	<p>A. Looking at automatic enrollment model (e.g., taxes)</p> <p>B. How do you collect premiums?</p> <p>C. How do you maximize federal money?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 1332 waiver. Money is cap based on current enrollment. <p>D. Max exemptions - capture these dollars.</p> <p>E. Administrative savings from similar pricing</p> <p>F. Medicaid low but efforts to raise to Medicare (may be way to max federal dollar)</p>
16	Dave – Retired tech staff	Industries will be affected. Are there alternate employment opportunities?
17	William Pratt – New Mexico House of Representatives	Mr. Pratt emphasized the importance of the Health Security Plan and the fiscal analysis.