

TORRANCE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 9433
Indigent Hospital and County Health Care
June 13, 1994

WHEREAS, the Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act (Section 27-5-1, seq. NMSA, 1978 Compilation, as amended) provides for the establishment of an Indigent Medical Claims Fund and Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Board for the purpose of processing and paying for authorized indigent health care and ambulance services for those persons determined to be indigent patients, and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Torrance County, New Mexico, is required by law to sit as the Torrance County Indigent Medical Claims Board, (hereinafter called the "Board") for the purpose of administering the Indigent Hospital Claims Act set forth in the Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act, and

WHEREAS, The Torrance County Board of Commissioners have adopted a county gross receipt tax for purposes for funding indigent health care and ambulance service, and

WHEREAS, The Board, in order to administer the provisions of the Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act must adopt administrative regulations and procedures necessary therefore.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Torrance County Board of County Commissioners acting as the Indigent Medical Claims Board, as the case may be, determines and resolves as follows:

1. Within 60 days of the date of this resolution, the Board shall compile such rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of the Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act, and within a separate time period set by the Board shall establish the administrative structure to implement the indigent care program.
2. A committee of the Torrance County Health Council will be available to assist the Board in their administration of the Torrance County Medical Hospital Claims Fund.
3. In order to qualify as an indigent patient in Torrance County, a person must have been a resident of this county at the time that the subject health care or ambulance services were rendered and for a period of three months preceding that time.