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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; PROVIDING FOR VOLUNTARY CREDENTIALING FOR PROFESSIONAL DIRECT HOME CARE SERVICES PROVIDERS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; PROVIDING FOR RULEMAKING AND FEES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

- SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] PROFESSIONAL DIRECT HOME CARE SERVICES--CERTIFICATION--STANDARDS--FEES.--
- The secretary shall establish a program pursuant to which professional direct home care providers may voluntarily receive credentialing after meeting department requirements for credentialing.
- In consultation with a statewide membership organization with experience in representing professional direct home care providers, the secretary shall adopt and promulgate rules to establish standards and procedures for the .195194.3

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credentialing of professional direct home care providers. Standards for credentialing professional direct home care providers shall include:

- (1) meeting minimum requirements for training in key competencies; and
- (2) accreditation by a national professional direct home care services accrediting body.
- C. A professional direct home care provider who makes an application pursuant to department rules for credentialing shall provide to the department proof of having fulfilled a department-approved course of study that meets standards that the department has established by rule.
- D. The department may charge fees necessary to cover the costs of administering the credentialing program established pursuant to this section.
 - E. For the purposes of this section:
- (1) "department" means the department of health;
- (2) "professional direct home care provider"
 means an individual who provides professional direct home care
 services;
- (3) "professional direct home care services" means services provided by an individual who performs those services in a residential setting for pay, including:
 - (a) personal care, including dressing,

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