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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE HOME VISITING SERVICES TO MEDICAID-ELIGIBLE INFANTS, TODDLERS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF NEW MEXICO FAMILIES; PROVIDING FOR RULEMAKING.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Public Assistance Act is enacted to read:

"MEDICAID INFANT, TODDLER AND FAMILY HOME VISITING PROGRAM.--

A. Consistent with federal law and subject to the appropriation and availability of state and federal funds, the secretary shall establish an infant, toddler and family home visiting program.

B. The medical assistance division of the department shall work with eligible home visiting program providers to execute provider participation agreements and, in accordance with department rules, establish procedures for establishing home visiting providers as eligible for reimbursement for furnishing home visiting services to medical assistance recipients.

C. A home visiting program shall:

1 (1) use home visiting as a primary service
2 delivery strategy;

3 (2) include regular, voluntary visits
4 provided in the homes of infants and toddlers, from birth to
5 three years of age, and their families;

6 (3) be evidence-based or standards-based and
7 grounded in relevant, empirically based best practices that
8 are designed to produce and measure the following outcomes:

9 (a) improvement of infant, toddler and
10 parental health outcomes;

11 (b) positive parenting practices;

12 (c) healthy parent and child
13 relationships;

14 (d) child well-being and prevention of
15 adverse childhood experiences;

16 (e) enhanced social-emotional
17 development;

18 (f) support of cognitive development in
19 infants and toddlers;

20 (g) increased school readiness; and

21 (h) delivery of a variety of
22 information, education, developmental, referral and other
23 supports to an infant or toddler and the infant or toddler's
24 family;

25 (4) have comprehensive home visiting

1 standards that ensure high-quality service delivery and
2 continuous quality improvement;

3 (5) have demonstrated significant, sustained
4 positive outcomes;

5 (6) follow program standards that the
6 secretary has established by rule and that specify the
7 purpose, outcomes, duration and frequency of home visiting
8 services;

9 (7) follow research-based curricula and
10 protocols;

11 (8) employ well-trained and competent staff
12 and provide continual professional supervision and
13 development relevant to the specific program or model being
14 delivered;

15 (9) demonstrate strong links to other
16 community-based services;

17 (10) continually evaluate performance to
18 ensure fidelity to the program standard;

19 (11) collect data on program activities and
20 outcomes; and

21 (12) be culturally and linguistically
22 appropriate.

23 D. The human services department and the children,
24 youth and families department shall cooperate to:

25 (1) ensure that the home visiting services

1 provided under this section align with children, youth and
2 families department standards for home visiting and are not
3 duplicative in the provision of services;

4 (2) develop a mechanism for reimbursing home
5 visiting program providers for services to prevent
6 duplicative payments and to maximize available federal
7 funding, including federal funding for any services that are
8 federally reimbursable through the medical assistance
9 division, including:

- 10 (a) case management services;
- 11 (b) licensed practitioner services;
- 12 (c) preventive services;
- 13 (d) services that meet federal
14 requirements under the early and periodic screening,
15 diagnostic and treatment benefit;
- 16 (e) rehabilitative services;
- 17 (f) therapy services;
- 18 (g) home health services as recommended
19 or prescribed by a physician;
- 20 (h) health homes for individuals with
21 chronic conditions; and
- 22 (i) extended services to pregnant
23 women; and

24 (3) determine the target population of
25 children and families that will be eligible for home visiting

1 services provided under this section as available state and
2 federal funding permit each year.

3 E. The secretary shall adopt and promulgate rules
4 in accordance with the provisions of this section.

5 F. In consultation with New Mexico's Indian
6 tribes, nations and pueblos, providers of home visiting
7 services and one or more experts in home visiting, the
8 department shall:

9 (1) jointly develop an outcomes measurement
10 plan to monitor outcomes for infants, toddlers and families
11 receiving services through home visiting programs;

12 (2) develop indicators that measure each
13 outcome measure established pursuant to Paragraph (3) of
14 Subsection C of this section; and

15 (3) complete and submit the outcomes
16 measurement plan by December 1, 2017 to the governor,
17 legislative finance committee, the legislative health and
18 human services committee and the chief executive of each
19 Indian tribe, nation and pueblo in the state.

20 G. Beginning July 1, 2018, and by July 1 each year
21 thereafter, the department shall produce a written report on
22 annual outcomes of the home visiting programming implemented
23 pursuant to this section to the governor, the chief executive
24 of each Indian nation, tribe and the pueblo in the state, the
25 legislative finance committee and the legislative health and

1 human services committee. The annual outcomes report shall
2 include:

3 (1) achieved outcomes in each area outlined
4 in Paragraph (3) of Subsection C of this section, as measured
5 by the outcomes measurement plan; and

6 (2) data regarding:

7 (a) the cost per family served;

8 (b) the number of families served;

9 (c) demographic data of families

10 served;

11 (d) percentages of families served in
12 rural, tribal and urban areas;

13 (e) recommendations for health outcome
14 and program quality improvements; and

15 (f) recommendations to ensure that
16 reimbursement is effective and maximizing federal match

17 dollars."
