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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; AMENDING DEFINITIONS IN THE HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 24-14A-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989, Chapter 29, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"24-14A-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Health Information System Act:

A. "aggregate data" means data that are obtained by combining like data elements in a manner that precludes specific identification of a single client;

B. "data source" or "data provider" means a person that possesses health information, including any public or private sector licensed health care practitioner, primary care clinic, ambulatory surgery center, ambulatory urgent care center, ambulatory dialysis unit, home health agency, long-term care facility, hospital, pharmacy, third-party payer and any public entity that has health information;

C. "department" means the department of health;

D. "health information" or "health data" means any data relating to health care; health status, including environmental, social and economic factors; the health system; or health costs and financing;

E. "hospital" means any general or special

1 hospital licensed by the department, whether publicly or  
2 privately owned;

3 F. "long-term care facility" means any skilled  
4 nursing facility or nursing facility licensed by the  
5 department, whether publicly or privately owned;

6 G. "record-level data" means a medical record that  
7 contains unique and nonaggregated data elements that relate  
8 to a single identifiable individual; and

9 H. "third-party payer" means any public or private  
10 payer of health care services and includes health maintenance  
11 organizations and health insurers."

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