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AN ACT  
RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH; CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF  
"CRISIS TRIAGE CENTER"; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 24-1-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1973,  
Chapter 359, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"24-1-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Public Health  
Act:

A. "condition of public health importance" means  
an infection, a disease, a syndrome, a symptom, an injury or  
other threat that is identifiable on an individual or  
community level and can reasonably be expected to lead to  
adverse health effects in the community;

B. "crisis triage center" means a health facility  
that:

(1) is licensed by the department of health;  
and

(2) provides stabilization of behavioral  
health crises and may include residential and nonresidential  
stabilization;

C. "department" means:

(1) the department of health; or  
(2) the children, youth and families

department as to child care centers, residential treatment

1 centers that serve persons up to twenty-one years of age,  
2 community mental health centers that serve only persons up to  
3 twenty-one years of age, day treatment centers that serve  
4 persons up to twenty-one years of age, shelter care homes and  
5 those outpatient facilities that are also community-based  
6 behavioral health facilities serving only persons up to  
7 twenty-one years of age;

8 D. "director" means the secretary;

9 E. "health care provider" means an individual  
10 licensed to provide health care in the ordinary course of  
11 business, except as otherwise defined in the Public Health  
12 Act;

13 F. "health facility" means a public hospital,  
14 profit or nonprofit private hospital, general or special  
15 hospital, outpatient facility, crisis triage center,  
16 freestanding birth center, adult daycare facility, nursing  
17 home, intermediate care facility, assisted living facility,  
18 boarding home not under the control of an institution of  
19 higher learning, child care center, shelter care home,  
20 diagnostic and treatment center, rehabilitation center,  
21 infirmary, community mental health center that serves both  
22 children and adults or adults only, residential treatment  
23 center that serves persons up to twenty-one years of age,  
24 community mental health center that serves only persons up to  
25 twenty-one years of age and day treatment center that serves

1 persons up to twenty-one years of age or a health service  
2 organization operating as a freestanding hospice or a home  
3 health agency. The designation of these entities as health  
4 facilities is only for the purposes of definition in the  
5 Public Health Act and does not imply that a freestanding  
6 hospice or a home health agency is considered a health  
7 facility for the purposes of other provisions of state or  
8 federal laws. "Health facility" also includes those  
9 facilities that, by federal regulation, must be licensed by  
10 the state to obtain or maintain full or partial, permanent or  
11 temporary federal funding. It does not include the offices  
12 and treatment rooms of licensed private practitioners;

13 G. "screening" means a preliminary procedure,  
14 including a test or examination, that:

- 15 (1) may require further investigation; and  
16 (2) can identify individuals with  
17 unrecognized health risk factors or asymptomatic disease  
18 conditions in populations;

19 H. "secretary" means:

- 20 (1) the secretary of health; or  
21 (2) the secretary of children, youth and  
22 families as to child care centers, residential treatment  
23 centers that serve persons up to twenty-one years of age,  
24 community mental health centers that serve only persons up to  
25 twenty-one years of age, day treatment centers that serve

1 persons up to twenty-one years of age, shelter care homes and  
2 those outpatient facilities that are also community-based  
3 behavioral health facilities serving only persons up to  
4 twenty-one years of age; and

5 I. "test" means any diagnostic or investigative  
6 analysis or medical procedure that determines the presence  
7 of, absence of or exposure to a condition of public health  
8 importance or its precursor in an individual."

9 SECTION 2. Section 27-2-12.20 NMSA 1978 (being Laws  
10 2015, Chapter 61, Section 2) is amended to read:

11 "27-2-12.20. CRISIS TRIAGE CENTER--MEDICAL ASSISTANCE  
12 REIMBURSEMENT.--

13 A. In accordance with federal law, the secretary  
14 shall adopt and promulgate rules to establish a reimbursement  
15 rate for services provided to recipients of state medical  
16 assistance at a crisis triage center.

17 B. As used in this section, "crisis triage center"  
18 means a health facility that:

19 (1) is licensed by the department of health;  
20 and

21 (2) provides stabilization of behavioral  
22 health crises and may include residential and nonresidential  
23 stabilization."

24 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
25 peace, health and safety that this act take effect

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