1	SENATE BILL 733
2	45th legislature - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001
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10	AN ACT
11	RELATING TO MEDICAID; PROVIDING FOR MEDICAID PAYMENT RATES AT
12	ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF MEDICARE RATES; PROVIDING
13	FOR EXPANDED MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY; AMENDING AND ENACTING
14	SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978.
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16	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
17	Section 1. A new section of the Public Assistance Act is
18	enacted to read:
19	"[<u>NEW MATERIAL]</u> MEDICAID PAYMENT RATES FOR PHYSICIANS
20	The department shall provide reimbursement for physicians
21	participating in the medicaid program in the state in an
22	amount equal to one hundred twenty-five percent of the
23	medicare reimbursement rate. The reimbursement rate shall be
24	based on the service provided or procedure performed as
25	identified in the federal health care financing
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1 administration's common procedure coding system." 2 Section 2. Section 27-12-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1998, Chapter 52, Section 3) is amended to read: 3 4 "27-12-3. DEFINITIONS. -- As used in the Child Health Act: "child" means a natural person who has not A. 5 reached his nineteenth birthday; 6 7 **B**. "custodial parent" means a natural parent, 8 adoptive parent, stepparent or legal guardian with whom the 9 child lives; [B.] C. "department" means the human services 10 11 department; 12 "earned income" means cash or payment in kind D. 13 that is received as wages from employment or payment in lieu 14 of wages or earnings from self-employment or earnings acquired from the direct provision of services, goods or property, 15 16 production of goods, management of property or supervision of 17 servi ces; 18 [C.] E. "low-income children and their families" 19 means a family with a dependent child with income at or below 20 the level specified in Section [6 of the Child Health Act] 27-12-6 NMSA 1978; and 21 22 [D.] <u>F.</u> "secretary" means the secretary of human 23 services." Section 3. A new section of the Child Health Act is 24 25 enacted to read: . 136217. 1

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"[<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] COVERAGE FOR PARENTS--INCOME DI SREGARDS. - -

A. Subject to the availability of state and federal matching funds pursuant to Title 21 of the federal Social Security Act, a custodial parent of a medicaid-eligible child is eligible for medicaid if the parent's net countable income is below one hundred percent of the federal poverty gui del i nes. 8

9 B. The department shall determine the parent's net 10 countable income by using the income disregards of New 11 Mexico's aid to families with dependent children as they 12 existed on July 16, 1996. Resources shall not be counted in 13 the eligibility determination. In determining the net 14 countable income, the department may consider other deductions pursuant to Section 27-2B-7 NMSA 1978." 15

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