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RELATING TO INSURANCE; AMENDING THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION LAW TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TYPES OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST DOCTORS OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE.

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

Section 1. Section 59A-46-36 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989, Chapter 96, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read: "59A-46-36. DOCTOR OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE--

10 DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED. -- Doctors of oriental medicine as 11 a class of licensed providers willing to meet the terms and 12 conditions offered by a health maintenance organization 13 shall not be excluded from a health maintenance organization 14 and shall not be discriminated against relative to other 15 classes of licensed providers regarding services provided 16 within their scope of practice that are in compliance with 17 nationally recognized coding systems. Health maintenance 18 organizations may determine the specific procedure codes that a doctor of oriental medicine is contracted to provide. 19 Health maintenance organizations may choose to contract a 20 doctor of oriental medicine as a primary care provider. "_____ SB 371 21

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