HOUSE BILL 182

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003 INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A COMPUTERIZED MEDICALD IN THE SCHOOLS SYSTEM

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--Three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the human services department for expenditure in fiscal year 2004 for the implementation of a computerized rapid frontend enrollment, eligibility, case management, collection, claims adjudication and payment system that aligns medicaid in the school providers with federal guidelines and audit requirements. The medicaid in the schools system will avoid the confidentiality problems experienced under the current system by providing electronic connections between enrollment, eligibility and collection systems that will unify the data and

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avoid the need for human contact with and viewing or manipulation of the data. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.

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