SENATE BILL 440

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

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE DETERMINATION OF HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS' REIMBURSEMENTS FOR MEDICAID SERVICES; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 27-2-12.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987, Chapter 269, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"27-2-12.3. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT--EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL PHYSICIANS', DENTISTS', OPTOMETRISTS', PODIATRISTS' AND PSYCHOLOGISTS' SERVICES.--

A. The human services department shall establish a rate for the reimbursement of physicians, dentists, optometrists, podiatrists and psychologists for services rendered to medicaid patients that provides equal reimbursement for the same or similar services rendered without respect to

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1   the date on which such physician, dentist, optometrist,

2   podiatrist or psychologist entered into practice in New Mexico,

3   the date on which the physician, dentist, optometrist,

4   podiatrist or psychologist entered into an agreement or

5   contract to provide such services or the location in which such

6   services are to be provided in the state [provided, however,

7   that the].

8   B. The requirements of this section shall not apply

9   when the human services department contracts with entities

10   pursuant to Section 27-2-12.6 NMSA 1978 to negotiate a rate for

11   the reimbursement for services rendered to medicaid patients in

12   the medicaid managed care system.

13   C. The human services department shall, at the

14   beginning of each fiscal year, set the reimbursement rates for

15   services rendered by physicians to medicaid patients at not

16   less than ninety-five percent of the corresponding rates

17   reimbursable under Part B of Title 18 of the federal Social

18   Security Act."

19   Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the

20   provisions of this act is July 1, 2005.

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