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SENATE BILL 632

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICATION AIDES; PROVIDING FOR A TRIAL PROGRAM FOR  
MEDICATION AIDES TO SERVE PERSONS IN LICENSED NURSING  
FACILITIES; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--~~MEDICATION AIDES--NURSING  
FACILITIES-- TRIAL PROGRAM- APPROPRIATION. --~~

A. The board of nursing shall conduct a trial program in five regions of the state for the certification of no more than one hundred medication aides and the approval of medication aide training programs to serve persons in licensed nursing facilities. The purpose of the trial program is to determine whether certified medication aides can safely and efficiently administer routine medications in licensed nursing facilities.

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1           B. Approved training programs shall, through  
2 contract or other agreement, provide remuneration to the board  
3 of nursing for administrative and other costs associated with  
4 oversight of the medication aide program.

5           C. In order to participate in the trial program,  
6 medication aides shall make application and obtain training and  
7 certification as provided in Section 61-3-10.2 NMSA 1978 and  
8 shall be subject to all other rules pertaining to medication  
9 aides as determined by the board of nursing.

10           D. An advisory committee, appointed by the board of  
11 nursing, shall oversee the trial program, advise the board on  
12 the implementation of the program and make recommendations to  
13 the department of health on the department's evaluation of the  
14 program. The advisory committee shall be composed of  
15 individuals with expertise in long-term care, including at  
16 least one representative from the university of New Mexico, the  
17 department of health and the New Mexico nurses association.

18           E. After considering the recommendations of the  
19 advisory committee, the department of health shall evaluate the  
20 trial program and submit a report and recommendations for  
21 continuing the program to the second session of the forty-sixth  
22 legislature no later than December 15, 2003.

23           F. As used in this section, "medication aide" means  
24 a person who, under supervision of a licensed registered nurse  
25 in licensed nursing facilities, is permitted to administer

1 routine medications according to rules adopted by the board of  
2 nursing.

3 G. Thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000) is  
4 appropriated from the general fund to the department of health  
5 for expenditure in fiscal year 2004 to conduct an evaluation of  
6 the trial program. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
7 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the  
8 general fund.

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