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with paperwork. Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico is the only health plan that does not honor “Assignment of Benefits”.

Patients who have insurance are sometimes required to pay up-front for their health care and then wait to be reimbursed by their health care plan. For some people, this can cause financial hardship, and might act as a deterrent to seeking necessary medical assistance. Delays in care can often lead to more serious, and more costly, health conditions.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The PRC is responsible for enforcing the provisions of the Insurance Code. SB 150 will add only a very small increase to the workload.

### **POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

In the event that a health plan does not pay for services rendered by a non-participating provider, will the provisions in SB150 require that those services go uncompensated?

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