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HOUSE BILL 441

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; PROVIDING A MINIMUM MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR CERTAIN SERVICES.

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

Section 1. MINIMUM MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATE. --

A. Notwithstanding any provision of the NMSA 1978 to the contrary, the medicaid reimbursement rate established by the human services department for each visit by a medicaid patient to a health care practitioner, including those rates paid under contracts with managed care systems, shall not be less than:

(1) seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for fiscal year 2005; and

(2) for fiscal year 2006 and each subsequent fiscal year, a rate equal to the rate for the previous fiscal

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1 year multiplied by the percentage increase in the consumer  
2 price index for medical care costs in the preceding calendar  
3 year as published by the United States department of labor.

4 B. As used in this section, "health care  
5 practitioner" means anyone licensed or certified to provide  
6 health care services in this state and includes nurses,  
7 physicians, dentists, osteopathic physicians, chiropractors,  
8 optometrists, podiatrists, acupuncturists, psychiatrists,  
9 psychologists and physical therapists.