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SENATE BILL 267

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; ALLOWING THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER A PROGRAM OF MEDICAL OR PREMIUM ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS INELIGIBLE FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

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

Section 1. Section 27-2-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1973, Chapter 376, Section 16, as amended) is amended to read:

"27-2-12. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.--

A. Consistent with the federal act and subject to the appropriation and availability of federal and state funds, the medical assistance division of the [~~human services~~] department may by [~~regulation~~] rule provide medical assistance, including the services of licensed doctors of oriental medicine, licensed chiropractic physicians and licensed dental

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1 hygienists in collaborating practice, to persons eligible for  
2 public assistance programs under the federal act.

3 B. Subject to appropriation and availability of  
4 federal, state or other funds, the medical assistance division  
5 of the department may by rule provide medical assistance,  
6 including assistance in the payment of premiums for medical or  
7 long-term care insurance, to persons who are residents of the  
8 state of New Mexico and who are ineligible for public  
9 assistance under the federal act."

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