

1 SENATE BILL 656

2 **48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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8 FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO  
12 IMPLEMENT ELECTRONIC PATIENT HEALTH RECORDS AT PRIMARY CARE  
13 CLINICS.

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

16 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--Two million dollars  
17 (\$2,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
18 department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 to  
19 implement electronic patient health records in primary care  
20 clinics eligible to receive funds under the Rural Primary  
21 Health Care Act to assist these primary care clinics in  
22 developing analyzable, comprehensive patient records, including  
23 laboratory and radiology test results; seamlessly exporting  
24 information or data to state, federal and regional registries  
25 and databases; improving practitioner access to evidence-based

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1 protocols, decision support tools and best practices in disease  
2 management and prevention programs; prescribing medications  
3 through systems with alerts for adverse drug reactions;  
4 devising systems for measuring patient outcomes and offering  
5 practitioners incentives for positive patient outcomes;  
6 involving patients more fully in their health care through  
7 personal health records and web portals; reducing mortality and  
8 morbidity caused by preventable medical errors; and achieving  
9 cost savings through elimination of unnecessary or duplicative  
10 treatment and diagnostic tests. Any unexpended or unencumbered  
11 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert  
12 to the general fund.

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