

1 SENATE BILL 341

2 **48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008**

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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.--Five hundred thousand dollars
17 (\$500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
18 department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2009 and
19 subsequent fiscal years to implement electronic patient health
20 records in primary care clinics eligible to receive funds under
21 the Rural Primary Health Care Act to assist primary care
22 clinics to implement comprehensive electronic patient records,
23 including laboratory and radiology test results that are
24 exportable to state, federal and regional registries and
25 databases; to improve practitioner access to evidence-based

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1 protocols, decision support tools and best practices in disease
2 management and prevention; to prescribe medications through
3 systems with alerts for adverse drug reactions; to involve
4 patients more fully in their health care through personal
5 health records; to reduce mortality and morbidity caused by
6 preventable medical errors; and to achieve cost savings through
7 elimination of unnecessary or duplicative treatment and
8 diagnostic tests. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
9 remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the
10 general fund.

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