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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE REFORM; ESTABLISHING A HEALTHY NEW MEXICO TASK FORCE TO DEVISE A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING DISEASE PREVENTION AND CHRONIC CONDITION AND CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT MEASURES.

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

Section 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--HEALTHY NEW MEXICO TASK FORCE--MEMBERSHIP--DUTIES.--

A. By July 1, 2008, the secretary of health shall convene a healthy New Mexico task force to devise a comprehensive five-year strategic plan for preventing disease and managing chronic conditions for public and private programs. The healthy New Mexico task force shall report on its strategic plan to the interim legislative health and human services committee by June 30, 2009. The healthy New Mexico task force shall work in conjunction with the national institutes of health, the New Mexico health policy commission, the New Mexico medical society or other boards, commissions, departments, agencies, authorities, organizations and persons necessary to provide appropriate expertise to devise the strategic plan. The strategic plan shall contain recommendations for reducing overall demand for high-cost medical and behavioral health treatments, thereby reducing or moderating the increase in health care costs.

1 B. The healthy New Mexico task force's strategic
2 plan shall include the following features:

3 (1) a plan for hiring the services of
4 persons specializing in disease management to control costs
5 and encourage healthy lifestyles in the state employees group
6 benefits self-insurance plan, with the objective of
7 guaranteeing savings to the state employees group benefits
8 self-insurance plan;

9 (2) recommendations on implementing the
10 primary care case management project to pay medicaid
11 fee-for-service providers a capitated rate for managing
12 patients' health status and treatment, and the healthy New
13 Mexico task force shall recommend the areas of the state
14 where this project can be implemented cost effectively;

15 (3) recommendations on requirements for
16 private health insurers and group health plans to reward
17 providers for controlling chronic diseases and chronic
18 conditions; and

19 (4) recommendations for funding and
20 implementing a pilot program to integrate prevention, early
21 intervention and case management in one targeted community
22 that the healthy New Mexico task force has identified as
23 being underserved as relating to health care services. The
24 pilot program shall focus especially, but not exclusively,
25 upon diabetes and obesity prevention, intervention and case

1 management.

2 C. As used in this section:

3 (1) "chronic condition" or "chronic disease"
4 means a disease or condition that has a prolonged course,
5 that does not resolve spontaneously, involves functional
6 impairment or disability for which a complete cure is rarely
7 achieved and that may require ongoing medical care;

8 (2) "chronic condition management" or
9 "chronic disease management" means a system of coordinated
10 health care interventions and communications for individuals
11 with chronic diseases or chronic conditions, including
12 significant patient self-care efforts, system supports for
13 provider and patient relationships and a plan of care
14 emphasizing prevention of complications utilizing
15 evidence-based practice guidelines, patient empowerment
16 strategies and evaluation of clinical, humanistic and
17 economic outcomes on an ongoing basis with the goal of
18 improving overall health; and

19 (3) "disease management" means health care
20 services, including patient education, monitoring, data
21 collection and reporting, designed to improve health outcomes
22 in defined populations with selected chronic diseases. _____

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