1	SENATE BILL 232
2	50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011
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10	AN ACT
11	RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; REQUIRING THAT ANY SUBSTANCE
12	ADDICTION SERVICES THAT THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROVIDES
13	INCLUDE TIMELY OFFICE-BASED ACCESS TO OFFICE-BASED
14	BUPRENORPHINE TREATMENT OF OPIOID ADDICTION; REQUIRING THAT
15	COVERAGE OF OFFICE-BASED BUPRENORPHINE TREATMENT OF OPIOID
16	ADDICTION INCLUDE PROVIDER OFFICE VISITS; REQUIRING THE HUMAN
17	SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF PRIMARY
18	CARE PROVIDERS AUTHORIZED AND WILLING TO TIMELY ADMINISTER
19	OFFICE-BASED BUPRENORPHINE TREATMENT OF OPIOID ADDICTION;
20	EXEMPTING OFFICE-BASED BUPRENORPHINE TREATMENT OF OPIOID
21	ADDICTION FROM COST-SAVING MEASURES.
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23	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
24	SECTION 1. A new section of the Public Assistance Act is

enacted to read:

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"[<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] ACCESS TO OFFICE-BASED BUPRENORPHINE TREATMENT OF OPIOID ADDICTION--COVERAGE OF OFFICE VISITS--EXEMPTION FROM COST-SAVING MEASURES.--

A. The department shall ensure that recipients of the substance addiction services that it provides shall have timely access to office-based buprenorphine treatment of opioid addiction. In addition to coverage of buprenorphine, this coverage shall include office visits to providers of officebased buprenorphine treatment of opioid addiction.

B. The department shall ensure that there is a supply of primary care providers statewide who are authorized and willing to administer patients office-based buprenorphine treatment of opioid addiction that is adequate to ensure timely office-based buprenorphine treatment.

C. The department shall exempt any medication-based therapy related to the treatment of opioid addiction from any cost-saving measures that it implements.

D. For the purposes of this section, "primary care provider" means a health care practitioner acting within the scope of the health care practitioner's license who provides the first level of basic or general health care for a person's health needs, including diagnostic and treatment services, who initiates referrals to other health care practitioners and who maintains the continuity of care when appropriate."

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