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SENATE BILL 106

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT TO REQUIRE THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
TO PROVIDE TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS COVERAGE FOR
METHADONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY TO TREAT OPIOID ADDICTION.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Public Assistance Act is
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] MEDICAL ASSISTANCE--METHADONE OPIOID
REPLACEMENT THERAPY BENEFIT.--

A. Through its medical assistance programs, the
department shall provide recipients for whom an authorized
practitioner prescribes methadone replacement therapy with
coverage for methadone replacement therapy.

B. For the purposes of this section:

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1 (1) "authorized practitioner" means a person
2 who is licensed in a federally accredited methadone maintenance
3 program to prescribe or administer methadone to treat opioid
4 addiction;

5 (2) "medical assistance programs" means the
6 joint federal and state programs that provide payment for
7 medically necessary health services furnished to eligible
8 recipients pursuant to Title 19 or 21 of the federal Social
9 Security Act or a federal waiver pursuant to that act; and

10 (3) "methadone replacement therapy" means the
11 administration of methadone for the detoxification treatment or
12 maintenance treatment of opioid addiction."