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SENATE BILL 170

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

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; UPDATING MEDICAID PAYMENT FOR
PHYSICIAN SERVICES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 27-2-12.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987,
Chapter 269, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"27-2-12.3. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT--EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL
PHYSICIANS', DENTISTS', OPTOMETRISTS', PODIATRISTS' AND
PSYCHOLOGISTS' SERVICES.--

A. The human services department shall establish a
rate for the reimbursement of physicians, dentists,
optometrists, podiatrists and psychologists for services
rendered to medicaid [~~patients~~] recipients that provides equal
reimbursement for the same or similar services rendered without
respect to:

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1 (1) the date on which [~~such~~] the physician,
2 dentist, optometrist, podiatrist or psychologist entered into
3 practice in New Mexico;

4 (2) the date on which the physician, dentist,
5 optometrist, podiatrist or psychologist entered into an
6 agreement or contract to provide [~~such~~] services to medicaid
7 recipients; or

8 (3) the location in which [~~such~~] medicaid
9 services are to be provided in the state [~~provided, however,~~
10 ~~that~~].

11 B. The requirements of Subsection A of this section
12 [~~shall not~~] apply [~~when the human services~~] to department
13 contracts with managed care entities pursuant to Subsection A
14 of Section 27-2-12.6 NMSA 1978 [~~to negotiate a rate for the~~
15 ~~reimbursement for services rendered to medicaid patients in the~~
16 ~~medicaid managed care system~~].

17 C. The department shall update reimbursement of
18 physician services rendered to medicaid patients to a rate
19 that, at a minimum, is equal to one hundred five percent of the
20 medicare "Part B" physician fee schedule for New Mexico in
21 effect on December 31, 2010.

22 D. The reimbursement update authorized in
23 Subsection C of this section shall apply to:

24 (1) physician services furnished to medicaid
25 recipients on or after July 1, 2012; and

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1 (2) department contracts with managed care
2 entities that are entered into or renewed on or after July 1,
3 2012 and that include physician services furnished to medicaid
4 recipients."

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