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AN ACT
RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH; CREATING THE NEW MEXICO POISON AND
DRUG INFORMATION CENTER.

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

SECTION 1. NEW MEXICO POISON AND DRUG INFORMATION
CENTER CREATED.--The "New Mexico poison and drug information
center" is created as part of the university of New Mexico
health sciences center.

SECTION 2. CERTIFICATION.--The New Mexico poison and
drug information center shall maintain certification by the
American association of poison control centers.

SECTION 3. DUTIES.--The New Mexico poison and drug
information center shall:

A. provide expert, twenty-four-hour,
seven-day-a-week assistance to the residents of New Mexico
during possible poisoning emergencies;

B. provide expert, twenty-four-hour,
seven-day-a-week emergency management and treatment referral
of victims of poisoning to determine whether treatment can be
accomplished at the scene of the incident or if transport to
an emergency treatment or other facility is required;

C. provide expert, twenty-four-hour,
seven-day-a-week treatment recommendations for all types of
poisonings, chemical exposures, drug overdoses and exposure

1 to chemical weapons of mass destruction. This information
2 shall be provided to medical and nonmedical providers;

3 D. carry out follow-up for hospitalized and
4 non-hospitalized poison patients to assess progress and
5 recommend additional treatment as necessary;

6 E. carry out follow-up to families and other
7 individuals, where practicable, to ensure that adequate care
8 is provided;

9 F. work to improve the health of the residents of
10 New Mexico by reducing illness and death associated with
11 poisoning and by encouraging proper use of medications;

12 G. identify and address problems associated with
13 poisoning and medication-related illness through education
14 and public service;

15 H. work to reduce the costs associated with
16 poisoning by treating people with less severe exposures at
17 their homes with the center's guidance;

18 I. train health care professionals in the field of
19 clinical toxicology;

20 J. expand knowledge in the field of clinical
21 toxicology through an active research program;

22 K. prevent poisonings through surveillance of
23 toxic events, education, regulation and collaboration with
24 local, state and federal agencies;

25 L. offer drug information services that provide

1 individualized, accurate, relevant and unbiased information
2 to consumers and health care professionals regarding
3 medication-related inquiries;

4 M. help train pharmacists to become drug
5 information providers;

6 N. seek to effectively use the center's resources;
7 and

8 O. work to advance the center's institutional
9 mission while supporting professional and personal
10 growth.

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