AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT TO REQUIRE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
REIMBURSEMENT FOR CRISIS TRIAGE CENTER SERVICES AT A RATE IN
PARITY WITH THE SAME HOSPITAL SERVICES.

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] CRISIS TRIAGE CENTER--MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
REIMBURSEMENT.--

A. In accordance with federal law, the secretary
shall adopt and promulgate rules to establish a reimbursement
rate for services provided to recipients of state medical
assistance at a crisis triage center that, at a minimum, equals
the medical assistance reimbursement rate for the same services
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provided at a hospital.

B. As used in this section:

(1) "crisis triage center" means a facility that provides emergency mental health evaluation and services to individuals detained pursuant to Section 43-1-10 NMSA 1978; and

(2) "hospital" means a health care facility that the department of health licenses as a hospital."