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**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE  
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN  
SERVICES TO AMEND THE MEDICAID STATE PLAN TO PROVIDE HOME  
VISITING SERVICES FOR INFANTS BORN TO MEDICAID RECIPIENTS AND  
FOR THE INFANTS' FAMILIES.

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] MEDICAID INFANT AND FAMILY HOME VISITING  
PROGRAM.--

A. Consistent with the federal act and subject to  
the appropriation and availability of federal and state funds,  
the secretary shall establish a home visiting program to  
provide home visiting services for infants who are born to

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1       medicaid recipients and for the infants' families. The home  
2       visiting program shall provide for at least six visits where  
3       home visiting services are provided to an infant or the  
4       infant's family during the infant's first year of life.

5                B. As used in this section, "home visiting program"  
6       means a program that:

7                       (1) uses home visiting as a primary service  
8       delivery strategy;

9                       (2) offers services to an infant and the  
10      infant's family that the infant's family receives on a  
11      voluntary basis;

12                      (3) provides a comprehensive array of services  
13      that:

14                               (a) are designed to promote child  
15      well-being and prevent adverse childhood experiences;

16                               (b) promote parental competence and  
17      successful early childhood health and development by building  
18      long-term relationships with families and optimizing the  
19      relationships between parents and children in their home  
20      environments; and

21                               (c) deliver a variety of informational,  
22      educational, developmental, referral and other supports to an  
23      infant and the infant's family;

24                      (4) is research-based and grounded in  
25      relevant, empirically based best practices and knowledge that

1 is linked to and measures the following outcomes:

2 (a) infants who are nurtured by their  
3 parents and caregivers;

4 (b) children who are physically and  
5 mentally healthy;

6 (c) infants and families who are safe;  
7 and

8 (d) families who are connected to formal  
9 and informal supports in their communities;

10 (5) has comprehensive home visiting standards  
11 that ensure high-quality service delivery and continuous  
12 quality improvement;

13 (6) has demonstrated significant, sustained  
14 positive outcomes;

15 (7) follows program standards that the  
16 secretary has established by rule and that specify the purpose,  
17 outcomes, duration and frequency of home visiting services;

18 (8) follows research-based protocols;

19 (9) employs well-trained and competent staff  
20 and provides continual professional supervision and development  
21 relevant to the specific program or model being delivered;

22 (10) demonstrates strong links to other  
23 community-based services;

24 (11) operates within an organization that  
25 ensures compliance with home visiting standards;

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1                   (12) continually evaluates performance to  
2 ensure fidelity to the program standards;  
3                   (13) collects data on program activities and  
4 program outcomes; and  
5                   (14) is culturally and linguistically  
6 appropriate."

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