

1 SENATE BILL 46

2 **55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE NURSING
12 PRACTICE ACT TO ESTABLISH THAT REGISTERED NURSES AND LICENSED
13 PRACTICAL NURSES EMPLOYED BY OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS MAY
14 DISPENSE METHADONE FOR TAKE-HOME PURPOSES.

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

17 SECTION 1. A new section of the Nursing Practice Act is
18 enacted to read:

19 "[NEW MATERIAL] OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS--TAKE-HOME
20 METHADONE.--A registered nurse or licensed practical nurse
21 employed by an opioid treatment program approved by the
22 department of health may dispense a maximum of a twenty-seven-
23 day supply of methadone for take-home purposes to a client of
24 the opioid treatment program."

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