SENATE BILL 391

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO INDIAN AFFAIRS; REQUIRING TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY IN INDIAN MANAGED CARE ENTITY CONTRACTS WITH THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY IN INDIAN MANAGED CARE ENTITY CONTRACTS--RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.-The human services department shall not require a sovereign Indian nation, tribe or pueblo to be a party to any Indian managed care entity contract with the state. The human services department shall follow the Indian tribe, nation or pueblo's sovereign will according to the laws and processes of the Indian nation, tribe or pueblo. The human services department shall respect the rights of the Indian nations, tribes and pueblos to self-determination and to control their

respective health care decisions.

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