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AN ACT

RELATING TO HOSPITALS; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE HOSPITAL FUNDING ACT TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE PAYMENT PLANS TO PATIENTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Hospital Funding Act is

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enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] COUNTY HOSPITALS AND CONTRACTING
HOSPITALS--PAYMENT PLANS REQUIRED UNDER CERTAIN
CIRCUMSTANCES.--

A. A county hospital or contracting hospital shall provide a patient with HCPAC→immediate←HCPAC HCPAC→standard of care←HCPAC treatment HCPAC→for their location←HCPAC and an affordable payment plan if the county hospital or contracting hospital is the only provider of care HCPAC→or services needed to treat the patient's condition←HCPAC in the county where the patient resides for a life-threatening condition, including cancer, that places the patient's health in serious jeopardy, causes serious impairment to bodily function or causes serious dysfunction of any bodily organ as HCPAC→validated by the hospital under the following circumstances←HCPAC HCPAC→soon as the patient provides the hospital all of the necessary documentation such that the hospital may validate that one of the following circumstances has occurred←HCPAC :

- (1) the patient's health insurance plan is not accepted by the county hospital or contracting hospital;
- (2) the patient is uninsured;
- (3) the patient is ineligible for county indigent programs; or
- (4) the patient is ineligible for the New

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Mexico medical insurance pool.

B. In cases of life-threatening conditions, a county hospital or contracting hospital shall provide the patient with immediate treatment and an affordable payment plan until the effective date of coverage by a county indigent program or the New Mexico medical insurance pool.

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HCPAC → C. The total payment owed by an uninsured patient shall be calculated by applying the medicaid or medicare fee schedule in effect for the service provided, whichever is greater. A monthly payment pursuant to the affordable payment plan shall not exceed five percent of a patient's monthly household adjusted gross income." ← HCPAC