

HOUSE BILL 56

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH CARE
AUTHORITY TO HCEDC → ~~ENSURE THAT~~ ← HCEDC HCEDC → ~~MAKE~~ ← HCEDC
MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED AT BIRTH CENTERS
HCEDC → ~~IS THE SAME AS~~ ← HCEDC HCEDC → ~~SIMILAR TO~~ ← HCEDC
REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED AT HOSPITALS.

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:

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"[NEW MATERIAL] EQUITABLE REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES

PROVIDED AT BIRTH CENTERS.--

A. For the purposes of this section:

(1) "birth center" means a freestanding birth center licensed by the state for the primary purpose of performing low-risk deliveries that is not a hospital, attached to a hospital or in a hospital and where births are planned to occur away from the pregnant person's residence following a low-risk pregnancy;

(2) "medicaid" means the medical assistance program established pursuant to Title 19 of the federal Social Security Act and regulations issued pursuant to that act; and

(3) "medicaid recipient" means a person whom the department has determined to be eligible to receive medicaid-related services.

HCEDC→~~B. The secretary shall adopt rules to ensure that services provided to a medicaid recipient at a birth center are reimbursed at the same rate as equivalent services provided at a hospital.~~←HCEDC

HCEDC→B. The secretary shall adopt rules that:

(1) create a methodology to determine medicaid facility fee reimbursement rates for birth centers that are comparable to rates for similar services provided at a hospital; and

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(2) require annual increases to birth center facility fee reimbursement rates that are equivalent to hospital reimbursement rate increases."←HCEDC