

1 AN ACT
2 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH
3 CARE AUTHORITY TO MAKE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES
4 PROVIDED AT BIRTH CENTERS SIMILAR TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR
5 SERVICES PROVIDED AT HOSPITALS.

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

8 SECTION 1. A new section of the Public Assistance Act
9 is enacted to read:

10 "EQUITABLE REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED AT BIRTH
11 CENTERS.--

12 A. For the purposes of this section:

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

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

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

