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.		

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1	B. The secretary shall adopt rules that:	
2	(1) create a methodology to determine	
3	medicaid facility fee reimbursement rates for birth centers	
4	that are comparable to rates for similar services provided at	
5	a hospital; and	
6	(2) require annual increases to birth center	
7	facility fee reimbursement rates that are equivalent to	
8	hospital reimbursement rate increases."	
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