

1 AN ACT
2 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; AMENDING THE INDIGENT HOSPITAL AND
3 COUNTY HEALTH CARE ACT TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED USES OF
4 COUNTY HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE FUNDS.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 27-5-7.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
8 Chapter 321, Section 16, as amended) is amended to read:

9 "27-5-7.1. COUNTY HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE FUND--
10 AUTHORIZED USES OF THE FUND.--

11 A. The fund may be used to pay for:

12 (1) expenses of burial or cremation of an
13 indigent person;

14 (2) ambulance transportation, hospital care
15 and health care services for indigent patients;

16 (3) all or a portion of the:

17 (a) monthly premiums of public or
18 private health insurance or coverage for indigent patients;
19 or

20 (b) out-of-pocket costs, including
21 copayments and deductibles, incurred by indigent patient
22 insureds pursuant to the terms of a public or private health
23 insurance policy or coverage plan; or

24 (4) county administrative expenses
25 associated with fund expenditures authorized in

1 Paragraphs (1) through (3) of this subsection.

2 B. The fund may be used to meet a county's

3 obligation under Section 27-10-4 NMSA 1978."

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