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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 1/23/2026 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB 129 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Rep. Pamela Herndon **Agency Name and Code Number:** Regulation & Licensing Dept. (RLD), 420
Short Title: Health Purchasing Act Amendments **Person Writing:** Jen Rodriguez
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|---------------|------|---------------------------|---------------|
| FY26 | FY27 | | |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
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REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

| Estimated Revenue | | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|-------------------|------|------|---------------------------|---------------|
| FY26 | FY27 | FY28 | | |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | | | | |

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

| | FY26 | FY27 | FY28 | 3 Year Total Cost | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|--------------|------|------|------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Total | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: **House Bill 129 is identical to Senate Bill 15.**

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: House Bill 129 (HB 129) Healthcare Provider Coverage

HB 129 makes amendments to the New Mexico Health Purchasing Act that would require any individual or group health insurance policy, health care plan or certificate of health insurance that is delivered, issued or renewed in New Mexico to allow participation by all types of licensed health care providers as long as that provider is practicing within their legal scopes of practice. It would broaden the scope of coverage to include types of healthcare providers that may not be currently permitted to contract with health insurance companies, non-profit healthcare carriers, and plans under the Health Purchasing Act. This bill does not mandate that these healthcare carriers contract with any individual healthcare provider.

HPAA would be effective to health coverage policies, contracts, and agreements entered into, issued, renewed, or amended on or after July 1, 2026.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HB 129 would present no direct fiscal or operational implications for the Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD).

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS