## AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; EXCLUDING TREATMENT FOSTER CARE PROGRAMS FROM THE MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PROGRAM; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT.

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

Section 1. Section 27-2-12.6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994, Chapter 62, Section 22) is amended to read:

"27-2-12.6. MEDICAID PAYMENTS--MANAGED CARE.--

A. Except as provided in Subsection D of this section, the department shall provide for a statewide, managed care system to provide cost-efficient, preventive, primary and acute care for medicaid recipients by July 1, 1995.

B. The managed care system shall ensure:

(1) access to medically necessary services,particularly for medicaid recipients with chronic healthproblems;

(2) to the extent practicable, maintenanceof the rural primary care delivery infrastructure;

(3) that the department's approach is consistent with national and state health care reform principles; and

(4) to the maximum extent possible, that medicaid-eligible individuals are not identified as such

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C. The department may exclude nursing homes, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, medicaid in-home and community-based waiver services and residential and community-based mental health services for children with serious emotional disorders from the provisions of this section.

D. The department shall exclude from the provisions of this section services provided in treatment foster care programs and facilities."

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