RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE; REQUIRING MEDICAID ENROLLMENT PROCESSING BY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND LICENSED CHILD-CARE PROVIDERS.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Public School Code is enacted to read:

"PUBLIC SCHOOLS--ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS--MEDICAID
APPLICATION.--The state board shall, after consultation with
the human services department, establish rules requiring
students to furnish proof of health insurance coverage prior
to school enrollment. Students not furnishing proof of
health insurance coverage shall be provided an application
for state medicaid eligibility and information on
presumptive eligibility for medicaid and the state child
health insurance program. The provisions of this section
shall not be interpreted to preclude a student from being
enrolled in school because of the student's lack of health
insurance."

Section 2. CHILD-CARE FACILITIES--ENROLLMENT
REQUIREMENTS--MEDICAID APPLICATION.--The children, youth and families department shall, after consultation with the human services department, establish rules requiring licensed child-care facilities to require proof of health insurance coverage of each child prior to enrollment at the facility. Families not furnishing proof of health insurance coverage shall be provided with an application for state medicaid eligibility and with human services department information on presumptive eligibility for medicaid and the state child

health insurance program. The provisions of this section shall not be interpreted to preclude a child from being enrolled in a licensed child-care facility because of the child's lack of health insurance.