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SENATE BILL 401

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999**

INTRODUCED BY

Don Kidd

AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE  
NMSA 1978; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. Section 27-2-12.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987,  
Chapter 269, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"27-2-12.3. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT--EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL  
PHYSICIANS', DENTISTS', OPTOMETRISTS', PODIATRISTS' AND  
PSYCHOLOGISTS' SERVICES.--The human services department shall  
establish a rate for the reimbursement of physicians,  
dentists, optometrists, podiatrists and psychologists for  
services rendered to medicaid patients that provides equal  
reimbursement for the same or similar services rendered  
without respect to the date on which such physician, dentist,  
optometrist, podiatrist or psychologist entered into practice

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1 in New Mexico, the date on which the physician, dentist,  
2 optometrist, podiatrist or psychologist entered into an  
3 agreement or contract to provide such services or the location  
4 in which such services are to be provided in the state;  
5 provided, however, that the requirements of this section shall  
6 not apply when the human services department contracts with  
7 entities pursuant to Section 27-2-12.6 NMSA 1978 to negotiate  
8 a rate of not less than the rate paid for medicare part B  
9 services for the reimbursement for services rendered to  
10 medicaid patients in the medicaid managed care system. Such  
11 rate of reimbursement shall also include not less than a two  
12 dollar (\$2.00) per member per month management fee for  
13 physicians who serve as primary care providers. "

14 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. --

15 A. Five million six hundred thousand dollars  
16 (\$5,600,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
17 human services department for expenditure in fiscal year 2000  
18 for the purpose of funding the reimbursement increases  
19 authorized in Section 27-2-12.3 NMSA 1978 in the following  
20 amounts for the following purposes:

21 (1) four million four hundred thousand  
22 dollars (\$4,400,000) is appropriated for the purpose of  
23 increasing medicaid professional reimbursement levels; and

24 (2) one million two hundred thousand dollars  
25 (\$1,200,000) is appropriated for the purpose of funding the

1 primary care provider physician management fee.

2 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
3 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the  
4 general fund.

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been  
11 referred

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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
17 FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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19 Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Robinson, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Boitano, Feldman, Garcia, Ingle

Absent: None

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