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SENATE BILL 722

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

INTRODUCED BY

Leonard Lee Rawson

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; EXEMPTING CLEFT LIP AND PALATE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN FROM MANAGED CARE; AUTHORIZING SERVICES AND REIMBURSEMENT; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

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

Section 1. A new Section of the Public Assistance Act is enacted to read:

" NEW MATERIAL CLEFT PALATE PROGRAM AUTHORIZED-- EXEMPTION. --The human services department, in cooperation with the department of health, shall, subject to appropriation and availability of state and federal funds, develop and implement a program to provide cleft lip and palate services to children eligible for medicaid. The program shall include dental, orthodontia and oral-plastic surgery services, and the department shall establish reimbursement for the respective

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1 professional services provided at a rate not to exceed
2 seventy-two percent of the usual and customary charges. The
3 cleft lip and palate program shall be excluded from the
4 managed care system authorized by Section 27-2-12.6 NMSA
5 1978. "

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

8 "27-2-12.6. MEDICAID PAYMENTS--MANAGED CARE. --

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

13 B. The managed care system shall ensure:

14 (1) access to medically necessary services,
15 particularly for medicaid recipients with chronic health
16 problems;

17 (2) to the extent practicable, maintenance of
18 the rural primary care delivery infrastructure;

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

22 (4) to the maximum extent possible, that
23 medicaid-eligible individuals are not identified as such
24 except as necessary for billing purposes.

25 C. The department may exclude nursing homes,

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1 intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded,
2 medicaid in-home and community-based waiver services and
3 residential and community-based mental health services for
4 children with serious emotional disorders from the provisions
5 of this section.

6 D. The department shall exclude from the
7 provisions of this section a cleft lip and palate program of
8 dental, orthodontia and oral-plastic surgery services for
9 children eligible for medicaid. "

10 Section 3. APPROPRIATIONS. --

11 A. One million four hundred thirty thousand
12 dollars (\$1,430,000) is appropriated from the general fund to
13 the human services department for expenditure in fiscal year
14 2000 for the purpose of providing orthodontia and oral-plastic
15 surgery service reimbursements under a cleft lip and palate
16 program exempt from managed care for medicaid eligible
17 children.

18 B. Seven hundred fifteen thousand dollars
19 (\$715,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
20 department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2000 for
21 the purpose of providing orthodontia and oral-plastic surgery
22 cleft lip and palate services to low-income children not
23 eligible for medicaid.

24 C. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
25 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000 from the

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1 appropriations made in this section shall revert to the
2 general fund.

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FIRST SESSION, 1999

March 15, 1999

Mr. President:

Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Robinson, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: 0

Excused: Boitano, Stockard

Absent: None

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