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**HOUSE BILL 953**

**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO HEALTH; REQUIRING THE CONSOLIDATION OF ALL  
ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS PURSUANT TO THE HEALTH CARE PURCHASING  
ACT.**

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

**Section 1. Section 13-7-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001,  
Chapter 351, Section 3) is amended to read:**

**"13-7-7. CONSOLIDATED ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS. --**

**A. By December 1, 2001, the publicly funded health  
care agencies, political subdivisions and other persons  
participating in the consolidated purchasing single process  
pursuant to the Health Care Purchasing Act shall cooperatively  
study and provide a status report on the consolidation of  
administrative functions to the legislative health and human  
services committee and the governor.**

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1           B. By December 31, 2003, the publicly funded health  
2 care agencies, political subdivisions and other persons  
3 participating in the consolidated purchasing single process  
4 pursuant to the Health Care Purchasing Act shall consolidate,  
5 standardize and administer ~~[the]~~ all administrative functions  
6 ~~[that those entities can effectively and efficiently administer~~  
7 ~~as reflected in the study]~~ necessary for the consolidated  
8 purchasing single process.

9           C. The publicly funded health care agencies,  
10 political subdivisions and other persons participating in the  
11 consolidated purchasing single process pursuant to the Health  
12 Care Purchasing Act may enter into a joint powers agreement  
13 pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreements Act with the publicly  
14 funded health care agencies and political subdivisions to  
15 determine assessments or provisions of resources to  
16 consolidate, standardize and administer the consolidated  
17 purchasing single process and subsequent activities pursuant to  
18 the Health Care Purchasing Act. The publicly funded health  
19 care agencies, political subdivisions and other persons  
20 participating in the consolidated purchasing single process  
21 pursuant to the Health Care Purchasing Act may enter into  
22 contracts with nonpublic persons to provide the service of  
23 determining assessments or provision of resources for  
24 consolidation, standardization and administrative activities.

25           D. Each agency will retain its responsibility to

1 determine policy direction of the benefit plans, plan  
2 development, training and coordination with respect to  
3 participants and its benefits staff, as well as to respond to  
4 benefits eligibility inquiries and establish and enforce  
5 eligibility rules. "

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