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SENATE BILL 257

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO INCREASE PAYMENTS TO CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION. -- Six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the human services department for expenditure in fiscal year 2006 to increase payments to physicians and nurse midwives for deliveries and caesarean sections under the medicaid program to ensure access to these essential services and to offset the rising cost of professional malpractice insurance. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund.

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