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SENATE BILL 409

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; REVISING DEADLINES FOR PUBLICATION OF THE
COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HEALTH AND FOR UPDATES AND
AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN.

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

Section 1. Section 9-7-4.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2004,
Chapter 51, Section 1) is amended to read:

"9-7-4.1. COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HEALTH.--

A. The department, in conjunction with the New
Mexico health policy commission and other state agencies,
pursuant to Section 9-7-11.1 NMSA 1978, shall develop a
comprehensive strategic plan for health that emphasizes
prevention, personal responsibility, access and quality.

B. The department shall publish the comprehensive
strategic plan for health by July 1, 2004 and ~~[July 1 of~~

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1 ~~subsequent even-numbered years~~ September 1 every four years
2 thereafter. By [~~July 1 of odd-numbered years~~] September 1 of
3 each even-numbered year, the department shall review and update
4 or amend the plan in response to changes and developments.

5 C. The department shall include the legislature,
6 health care providers, consumer and patient advocates, health
7 care financing organizations, managed care organizations, major
8 insurers in the state, the human services department, the
9 children, youth and families department, the [~~state agency on~~]
10 aging and long-term services department, pharmaceutical
11 manufacturers and other stakeholders in its development of the
12 comprehensive strategic plan for health so as to give
13 geographic representation to all areas of the state. The
14 department shall ensure that public participation and public
15 input are integrated into the planning process. The department
16 shall convene regional meetings on the proposed plan to allow
17 public review and comment, including oral and written
18 testimony, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

19 D. The department shall consult with the
20 governments of Indian nations, tribes and pueblos located
21 wholly or partially within New Mexico to include Indian
22 nations, tribes and pueblos in the development of the
23 comprehensive strategic plan for health.

24 E. The department shall report its findings,
25 recommendations and goals in its [~~biennial~~] comprehensive

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1 strategic plan for health. The plan shall address the
2 following areas and others that the governor and the
3 legislature may from time to time request:

4 (1) a summary of the state's health care
5 system that includes the financial, administrative and delivery
6 structure in both the public and private sector;

7 (2) the diseases, injuries and risk factors
8 for physical, behavioral and oral health that are the greatest
9 cause of illness, injury or death in the state, with special
10 attention to and recognition of the disparities that currently
11 exist for different population groups;

12 (3) key indicators of and barriers to health
13 care coverage and access, with specific emphasis on reducing
14 the number of uninsured New Mexicans;

15 (4) the role of the department, other state
16 agencies and the private sector in identifying strategies and
17 interventions to provide health care coverage, access and
18 quality;

19 (5) a continuum of care model that emphasizes
20 prevention, early intervention and health promotion and that
21 includes public health services, emergency medical services,
22 primary care, acute care, specialized care, tertiary care and
23 long-term care;

24 (6) health education, wellness, nutrition and
25 exercise initiatives that emphasize personal health

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1 responsibility;

2 (7) workforce initiatives to identify, recruit
3 and retain health care professionals;

4 (8) health care facility infrastructure,
5 capacity, capitalization and financial viability in both the
6 public and private sector;

7 (9) licensing, credentialing, oversight and
8 tracking initiatives designed to improve health care quality
9 and outcome measurements;

10 (10) programs, services and activities
11 designed to address the needs of the disabled, elderly and
12 other special-needs populations;

13 (11) anticipated demands and challenges on the
14 health care system as the need for long-term care services
15 increases;

16 (12) data and information addressing key
17 health status and system indicators, statistics, benchmarks,
18 targets and goals for the state and comparing it nationally,
19 regionally and to other states of similar size and
20 demographics; provided that individually identifiable health
21 information and other proprietary information is protected as
22 required by state or federal law; and

23 (13) planning and response to public health
24 emergencies, including bioterrorism, pandemic flu, disease
25 outbreaks and other situations that will require a coordinated

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1 response by the health care system."

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