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SENATE BILL 41

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE REFORM; AMENDING A SECTION OF LAWS 2008
TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL GOALS FOR THE HEALTHY NEW MEXICO TASK
FORCE.

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

Section 1. Laws 2008, Chapter 86, Section 1 is amended to
read:

"TEMPORARY PROVISION--HEALTHY NEW MEXICO TASK FORCE--
MEMBERSHIP--DUTIES.--

A. By July 1, 2008, the secretary of health shall
convene a healthy New Mexico task force to devise a
comprehensive five-year strategic plan for preventing disease
and managing chronic conditions for public and private
programs. The healthy New Mexico task force shall report on
its strategic plan to the interim legislative health and human

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1 services committee by June 30, 2009. The healthy New Mexico
2 task force shall work in conjunction with the national
3 institutes of health, the New Mexico health policy commission,
4 the New Mexico medical society or other boards, commissions,
5 departments, agencies, authorities, organizations and persons
6 necessary to provide appropriate expertise to devise the
7 strategic plan. The strategic plan shall contain
8 recommendations for reducing overall demand for high-cost
9 medical and behavioral health treatments, thereby reducing or
10 moderating the increase in health care costs.

11 B. The healthy New Mexico task force's strategic
12 plan shall include the following features:

13 (1) a plan for hiring the services of persons
14 specializing in disease management to control costs and
15 encourage healthy lifestyles in the state employees group
16 benefits self-insurance plan, with the objective of
17 guaranteeing savings to the state employees group benefits
18 self-insurance plan;

19 (2) recommendations on implementing the
20 primary care case management project to pay medicaid
21 fee-for-service providers a capitated rate for managing
22 patients' health status and treatment, and the healthy New
23 Mexico task force shall recommend the areas of the state where
24 this project can be implemented cost effectively;

25 (3) recommendations on requirements for

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1 private health insurers and group health plans to reward
2 providers for controlling chronic diseases and chronic
3 conditions; [~~and~~]

4 (4) recommendations for funding and
5 implementing a pilot program to integrate prevention, early
6 intervention and case management in one targeted community that
7 the healthy New Mexico task force has identified as being
8 underserved as relating to health care services. The pilot
9 program shall focus especially, but not exclusively, upon
10 diabetes and obesity prevention, intervention and case
11 management; and

12 (5) recommendations for designing and
13 implementing a comprehensive pay-for-performance system whereby
14 providers receive financial incentives for measurable
15 improvements in the health of their patients, including
16 recommendations for quality evaluation and measurement
17 protocols and for increasing community support for quality
18 health care outcomes.

19 C. As used in this section:

20 (1) "chronic condition" or "chronic disease"
21 means a disease or condition that has a prolonged course, that
22 does not resolve spontaneously, involves functional impairment
23 or disability for which a complete cure is rarely achieved and
24 that may require ongoing medical care;

25 (2) "chronic condition management" or "chronic

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1 disease management" means a system of coordinated health care
2 interventions and communications for individuals with chronic
3 diseases or chronic conditions, including significant patient
4 self-care efforts, system supports for provider and patient
5 relationships and a plan of care emphasizing prevention of
6 complications utilizing evidence-based practice guidelines,
7 patient empowerment strategies and evaluation of clinical,
8 humanistic and economic outcomes on an ongoing basis with the
9 goal of improving overall health; and

10 (3) "disease management" means health care
11 services, including patient education, monitoring, data
12 collection and reporting, designed to improve health outcomes
13 in defined populations with selected chronic diseases."

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