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HOUSE BILL 216

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE; AUTHORIZING THE NEW MEXICO
MEDICAL INSURANCE POOL TO DEVELOP NEW INSURANCE PROGRAMS
SPECIFIC TO FEDERAL LAW FOR STATE HIGH-RISK POOLS; ENACTING A
SECTION OF THE MEDICAL INSURANCE POOL ACT; DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Medical Insurance Pool
Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO FEDERAL
LAW.--The board may:

A. establish a health plan to offer selected
eligible individuals the ability to purchase or enroll in a
program pursuant to federal law that provides expanded coverage
for state high-risk pools;

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B. establish eligibility and coverage criteria as needed for selected eligible individuals;

C. establish the cost-sharing amounts payable by a selected eligible individual enrolled in the health plan, including the premium, deductible, coinsurance, co-payment or other out-of-pocket expenses; and

D. participate with and receive funding from any federal agency designated to administer expanded coverage programs for state high-risk pools."

Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.