

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:

"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;

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.
