

1 SENATE BILL 503

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; EXPANDING MEDICAID BENEFITS TO  
12 INCLUDE ORIENTAL MEDICINE, CHIROPRACTIC AND NAPRAPATHIC  
13 SERVICES.

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

16 SECTION 1. Section 27-2-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1973,  
17 Chapter 376, Section 16, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "27-2-12. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.--

19 A. Consistent with the federal act and subject to  
20 the appropriation and availability of federal and state funds,  
21 the medical assistance division of the department may by rule  
22 provide medical assistance [~~including~~]. Medical assistance  
23 rules shall provide for the services of licensed doctors of  
24 oriental medicine, licensed chiropractic physicians and  
25 licensed naprapaths and may include the services of licensed

underscoring material = new  
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1 dental hygienists in collaborating practice, to persons  
2 eligible for public assistance programs under the federal act.

3 B. Subject to appropriation and availability of  
4 federal, state or other funds received by the state from public  
5 or private grants or donations, the medical assistance division  
6 of the department may by rule provide medical assistance,  
7 including assistance in the payment of premiums for medical or  
8 long-term care insurance, to children up to the age of twelve  
9 if not part of a sibling group; children up to the age of  
10 eighteen if part of a sibling group that includes a child up to  
11 the age of twelve; and pregnant women who are residents of the  
12 state of New Mexico and who are ineligible for public  
13 assistance under the federal act. The department, in  
14 implementing the provisions of this subsection, shall:

15 (1) establish rules that encourage pregnant  
16 women to participate in prenatal care; and

17 (2) not provide a benefit package that exceeds  
18 the benefit package provided to state employees."