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HOUSE BILL 357

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

JOSE R. ABEYTA

FOR THE HEALTH CARE REFORM COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAID; PROVIDING FOR INCREASED MEDICAID  
REIMBURSEMENTS TO PROVIDERS.

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

Section 1. Section 27-2-12.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987,  
Chapter 269, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"27-2-12.3. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT-- EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL  
[PHYSICIANS', DENTISTS', OPTOMETRISTS', PODIATRISTS' AND  
PSYCHOLOGISTS'] PROVIDER SERVICES-- EXCEPTION. -- The human  
services department shall establish a rate for the reimbursement  
of physicians, dentists, optometrists, podiatrists and  
psychologists for services rendered to medicaid patients that  
provides equal reimbursement for the same or similar services  
rendered without respect to the date on which [such] the  
physician, dentist, optometrist, podiatrist or psychologist

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1 entered into practice in New Mexico, the date on which the  
2 physician, dentist, optometrist, podiatrist or psychologist  
3 entered into an agreement or contract to provide such services  
4 or the location in which such services are to be provided in the  
5 state; provided, however, that the requirements of this section  
6 shall not apply when the human services department contracts  
7 with entities pursuant to Section 27-2-12.6 NMSA 1978 [~~to~~  
8 ~~negotiate~~] and negotiates a rate for the reimbursement for  
9 services rendered to medicaid patients in the medicaid managed  
10 care system; and provided further that a higher rate of  
11 reimbursement may be given for services to medicaid patients in  
12 medically underserved areas, as determined by regulation adopted  
13 by the department. "

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**State of New Mexico  
House of Representatives**

**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION, 1997**

**February 18, 1997**

**Mr. Speaker:**

**Your GOVERNMENT AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred**

**HOUSE BILL 357**

**has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Lynda M. Lovejoy, Chairwoman**

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

Excused: Hobbs, Pederson

Absent: None

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