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SENATE BILL 1035

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; ALLOWING USE OF THE COUNTY INDIGENT HOSPITAL CLAIMS FUND FOR RETENTION OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 27-5-7.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 321, Section 16) is amended to read:

"27-5-7.1. COUNTY INDIGENT HOSPITAL CLAIMS FUND--
AUTHORIZED USES OF THE FUND. --

A. The fund shall be used:

(1) to meet the county's contribution for support of sole community provider payments as calculated by the department for that county; and

(2) to pay all claims that have been approved by the board that are not matched with federal funds under the

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1 state medicaid program

2 B. The fund may be used to meet the county's
3 obligation under Section 27-10-4 NMSA 1978.

4 [~~C. Until June 30, 1996, the cash reserves from the~~
5 ~~fund may be used to meet the county's obligation under Section~~
6 ~~27-10-4 NMSA 1978.~~]

7 C. In a county with a critical shortage of general
8 practitioners, the fund may be used to reimburse a hospital or
9 health care provider for payments made to ensure the continued
10 availability of a general practitioner, residing and working in
11 the county, to provide medical services to the indigent of the
12 county. "