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**HOUSE BILL 315**

**43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998**

**INTRODUCED BY**

**EDWARD C. SANDOVAL**

**FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE**

**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO INSURANCE; CREATING A MENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE  
PARITY PILOT PROGRAM FOR STATE EMPLOYEES; MAKING AN  
APPROPRIATION.**

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

**Section 1. MENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE PARITY--PILOT**

**PROGRAM --The risk management division of the general services  
department shall implement and maintain for fiscal years 1999  
and 2000 a mental health insurance parity pilot program  
providing behavioral health coverage for state employees. The  
pilot program shall ensure that an insured with a severe,  
persistent, biologically based mental illness receives  
appropriate quality and quantity of treatment on a parity with  
an insured with any other physical illness with respect to the  
terms, conditions, rates, benefits or requirements of the**

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1 insurance contract. For purposes of this coverage, "severe,  
2 persistent, biologically based mental illness" means  
3 schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder,  
4 major depressive disorder, panic disorder or obsessive-  
5 compulsive disorder as defined in the leading international  
6 manuals on classification of diseases and diagnostic  
7 statistics.

8 Section 2. PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT.--If the contracts or  
9 contract amendments establishing the mental health insurance  
10 parity pilot program authorized in Section 1 of this act are  
11 terminated prior to the end of fiscal year 2000, the general  
12 services department shall reimburse the insurance provider any  
13 extraordinary expenses incurred in providing benefits under  
14 the pilot program. The terms and limitations of this  
15 reimbursement shall be stated in the contracts or contract  
16 amendments.

17 Section 3. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred fifty thousand  
18 dollars (\$150,000) is appropriated from the general fund to  
19 the risk management division of the general services  
20 department for expenditure in fiscal year 1999 for the purpose  
21 of administering a mental health insurance parity pilot  
22 program. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at  
23 the end of fiscal year 1999 shall revert to the general fund.

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11 Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to  
12 whom has been referred  
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18 in accordance with constitutional provisions.  
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R. David Pederson, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Hobbs, Lujan, Nicely, Russell, Ryan, Sanchez, Williams,

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Absent: None

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10 Your BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, to whom has  
11 been referred  
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16 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
17 APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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23 Fred Luna, Chairman  
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10 The roll call vote was 9 For 1 Against

11 Yes: 9

12 No: Lutz

13 Excused: Olguin

14 Absent: Getty, J. G. Taylor

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14 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

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16 1. On page 2, between lines 16 and 17, insert the  
17 following:

18 "Section 3. EVALUATION--REPORT.--The risk management  
19 division of the general services department shall, after  
20 consultation with representatives of the health insurance  
21 industry, mental health providers, including that for state  
22 employees, and mental health advocates, develop a program of  
23 evaluation for the mental health insurance parity pilot program  
24 and shall report its findings and any legislative  
25 recommendations to the appropriate interim legislative committee  
by October 1, 2000."

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- 2. Renumber the succeeding section accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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Max Coll, Chairman

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4 The roll call vote was 12 For 2 Against

5 Yes: 12

6 No: Bird, Pearce

7 Excused: Knowles, Marquardt, Varela, Watchman

8 Absent: None

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Mr. President:

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Roman M. Maes, III, Chairman

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11 The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

12 Yes: 6

13 No: 0

14 Excused: Kidd, Robinson, Wilson, Maloof

15 Absent: None

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Ben D. Altamirano, Chairman

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No: Lyons

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Excused: Aragon, Campos, Carraro, Ingle, McKibben

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Absent: None

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