

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; INCLUDING SERVICES OF CHIROPRACTORS IN
THE MEDICAID MANAGED CARE SYSTEM.

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

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

"27-2-12. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.--Consistent
with the federal act and subject to the appropriation and
availability of federal and state funds, the medical
assistance division of the department shall by regulation
provide medical assistance, including the services of
licensed chiropractors, and may by regulation provide medical
assistance, including the services of licensed doctors of
oriental medicine, to persons eligible for public assistance
programs under the federal act."

Section 2. 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', CHIROPRACTORS', DENTISTS', OPTOMETRISTS',
PODIATRISTS' AND PSYCHOLOGISTS' SERVICES.--The department
shall establish a rate for the reimbursement of physicians,
chiropractors, 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 physician, chiropractor, dentist, optometrist, podiatrist or psychologist entered into practice in New Mexico, the date on which the physician, chiropractor, dentist, optometrist, podiatrist or psychologist entered into an agreement or contract to provide such services or the location in which such services are to be provided in the state; provided, however, that the requirements of this section shall not apply when the department contracts with entities pursuant to Section

27-2-12.6 NMSA 1978 to negotiate a rate for the reimbursement for services rendered to medicaid patients in the medicaid managed care system." _____