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HOUSE BILL

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

INTRODUCED BY

DISCUSSION DRAFT

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH COVERAGE; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE GROUP BENEFITS ACT, THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT, THE NEW MEXICO INSURANCE CODE, THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION LAW AND THE NONPROFIT HEALTH CARE PLAN LAW TO ESTABLISH REIMBURSEMENT PARITY BETWEEN PHARMACISTS AND CERTAIN OTHER LICENSED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FOR THE SAME PHARMACEUTICAL CLINICAL SERVICES.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Group Benefits Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] PHARMACIST SERVICES--REIMBURSEMENT PARITY.--A group health plan shall not discriminate with respect to reimbursement under the group health plan against any pharmacist who is acting within the scope of that pharmacist's license. The group health plan shall reimburse

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1 any pharmacist who provides a service at the same rate that the
2 group health plan reimburses, for the same service under that
3 group health plan, any physician or physician assistant
4 licensed pursuant to the Medical Practice Act or the
5 Osteopathic Medicine Act or any advanced practice certified
6 nurse practitioner licensed pursuant to the Nursing Practice
7 Act."

8 SECTION 2. A new section of the Public Assistance Act is
9 enacted to read:

10 "[NEW MATERIAL] PHARMACIST SERVICES--REIMBURSEMENT
11 PARITY.--The department shall ensure that any medical
12 assistance program or contractor providing services to the
13 medical assistance program does not discriminate with respect
14 to reimbursement under the medical assistance program against
15 any pharmacist who is acting within the scope of that
16 pharmacist's license. The medical assistance program or its
17 contractor shall reimburse any pharmacist who provides a
18 service at the same rate that the medical assistance program
19 reimburses, for the same service under that program, any
20 physician or physician assistant licensed pursuant to the
21 Medical Practice Act or the Osteopathic Medicine Act or any
22 advanced practice certified nurse practitioner licensed
23 pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act."

24 SECTION 3. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 22 NMSA
25 1978 is enacted to read:

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1 "[NEW MATERIAL] PHARMACIST SERVICES--REIMBURSEMENT
2 PARITY.--An insurer shall not discriminate with respect to
3 reimbursement pursuant to an individual health insurance
4 policy, health care plan or certificate of health insurance
5 that is delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state
6 against any pharmacist who is acting within the scope of that
7 pharmacist's license. The insurer shall reimburse any
8 pharmacist who provides a service pursuant to a health
9 insurance plan, policy or certificate of health insurance at
10 the same rate that the health insurance policy, health care
11 plan or certificate of health insurance reimburses, for the
12 same service pursuant to that policy, plan or certificate, any
13 physician or physician assistant licensed pursuant to the
14 Medical Practice Act or the Osteopathic Medicine Act or any
15 advanced practice certified nurse practitioner licensed
16 pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act."

17 SECTION 4. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 23 NMSA
18 1978 is enacted to read:

19 "[NEW MATERIAL] PHARMACIST SERVICES--REIMBURSEMENT
20 PARITY.--An insurer shall not discriminate with respect to
21 reimbursement pursuant to a group or blanket health insurance
22 policy, health care plan or certificate of health insurance
23 that is delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state
24 against any pharmacist who is acting within the scope of that
25 pharmacist's license. The insurer shall reimburse any

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1 pharmacist who provides a service pursuant to a health
2 insurance plan, policy or certificate of health insurance at
3 the same rate that the health insurance policy, health care
4 plan or certificate of health insurance reimburses, for the
5 same service pursuant to that policy, plan or certificate, any
6 physician or physician assistant licensed pursuant to the
7 Medical Practice Act or the Osteopathic Medicine Act or any
8 advanced practice certified nurse practitioner licensed
9 pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act."

10 SECTION 5. A new section of the Health Maintenance
11 Organization Law is enacted to read:

12 "[NEW MATERIAL] PHARMACIST SERVICES--REIMBURSEMENT
13 PARITY.--A carrier shall not discriminate with respect to
14 reimbursement pursuant to an individual or group health
15 maintenance organization contract that is delivered, issued for
16 delivery or renewed in this state against any pharmacist who is
17 acting within the scope of that pharmacist's license. The
18 carrier shall reimburse any pharmacist who provides a service
19 pursuant to an individual or group contract at the same rate
20 that the carrier reimburses, for the same service under that
21 individual or group contract, any physician or physician
22 assistant licensed pursuant to the Medical Practice Act or the
23 Osteopathic Medicine Act or any advanced practice certified
24 nurse practitioner licensed pursuant to the Nursing Practice
25 Act."

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