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SENATE BILL 19

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; REQUIRING THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CREATE A FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR INCREASING ALLOCATIONS TO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM SUPPORTS AND SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL REPORTING TO THE LEGISLATURE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES--MEDICAID HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORTS AND SERVICES--FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR INCREASING ALLOCATIONS FROM CENTRAL REGISTRY FOR ENROLLMENT IN SERVICES.--By September 1, 2015 and each year thereafter, the human services department and the department of health shall collaborate to create and report to the legislative finance committee and the legislative health and human services committee their rolling five-year plan for

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1 increasing allocations from the central registry for
2 developmental disabilities medicaid home- and community-based
3 supports and services and enrolling individuals awaiting
4 allocation in the developmental disability medicaid home- and
5 community-based waiver program. On an annual basis thereafter,
6 the department of health and the human services department
7 shall update the plan to cover the subsequent five years and
8 report the updated plan to the legislative finance committee
9 and the legislative health and human services committee. The
10 plan shall be designed in a manner that, at the end of any
11 five-year period, the time between any individual's placement
12 on the central registry and the individual's allocation in
13 developmental disability home- and community-based waiver
14 supports and services is no greater than three years. The plan
15 shall include:

16 A. the number of individuals who are on the central
17 registry and not yet receiving waiver supports and services, by
18 age, county of residence and years on the central registry;

19 B. an estimate of the costs of providing waiver
20 supports and services to individuals who are eligible for
21 supports and services but are not yet receiving them; and

22 C. a target for the number of individuals to be
23 moved from the central registry into waiver supports and
24 services over the five-year period covered by the plan and the
25 amount of new state funding needed each year to meet the

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1 target.

2 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Twenty-five million dollars
3 (\$25,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
4 department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2016 to
5 fund supports and services for individuals enrolled in a
6 developmental disability medicaid home- and community-based
7 waiver program and to allow enrollment of eligible individuals
8 listed on the department of health's central registry who are
9 currently awaiting allocation of supports and services through
10 the developmental disability medicaid waiver program. Any
11 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
12 fiscal year 2016 shall revert to the general fund.

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