

1 SENATE BILL 370

2 57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; REQUIRING THE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT  
12 RATE FOR OBSTETRICS OR GYNECOLOGY HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO  
13 INCREASE BY TWO HUNDRED FIFTY PERCENT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

16 SECTION 1. A new section of the Public Assistance Act is  
17 enacted to read:

18 "[NEW MATERIAL] REIMBURSEMENT FOR OBSTETRICS OR GYNECOLOGY  
19 SERVICES.--

20 A. The medicaid reimbursement rate for all  
21 obstetrics or gynecology health care services that are covered  
22 by the New Mexico medicaid program shall be at least two  
23 hundred fifty percent of the medicare reimbursement rate for  
24 the equivalent service.

25 B. Using the medicaid reimbursement rate for each  
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1     obstetrics or gynecology health care service as of July 1, 2024  
2     as a baseline for comparison:

3             (1)   obstetrics or gynecology health care  
4     services covered by medicaid, but not covered by medicare,  
5     shall receive an increase in the medicaid reimbursement rate  
6     proportional to the average percentage increase in  
7     reimbursement that obstetrics or gynecology health care  
8     services receive pursuant to Subsection A of this section; and

9             (2)   all health care entities that receive  
10    increases in medicaid reimbursement pursuant to this section  
11    shall ensure that at least seventy-five percent of the increase  
12    in reimbursement revenue is used to:

13             (a)   provide increased compensation to  
14    health care workers and other employees who interact directly  
15    with patients; or

16             (b)   hire additional health care workers  
17    and other employees who interact directly with patients.

18             C.   For the purposes of this section:

19             (1)   "medicaid" means the federal-state program  
20    administered by the authority pursuant to Title 19 or Title 21  
21    of the federal Social Security Act; and

22             (2)   "medicare" means coverage provided  
23    pursuant to part A or part B of Title 18 of the federal Social  
24    Security Act, as amended."

25             SECTION 2.   APPROPRIATION.--Twelve million dollars

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1 (\$12,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
2 health care authority for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 to  
3 provide increased medicaid reimbursement for obstetrics or  
4 gynecology health care services. Any unexpended or  
5 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026  
6 shall revert to the general fund.