

1 SENATE BILL 17

2 **44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,**  
3 **2000**

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12 AN ACT

13 RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; INCREASING HEALTH CARE  
14 PRACTITIONERS' REIMBURSEMENTS FOR MEDICAID SERVICES; MAKING  
15 AN APPROPRIATION.

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

17 Section 1. Section 27-2-12.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws  
18 1987, Chapter 269, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

19 "27-2-12.3. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT--EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL  
20 PHYSICIANS', DENTISTS', OPTOMETRISTS', PODIATRISTS', ADVANCED  
21 PRACTICE NURSES' AND PSYCHOLOGISTS' SERVICES.--

22 A. The human services department shall establish a  
23 rate, of not less than the rate for medicare part B services,  
24 for the reimbursement of physicians, dentists, optometrists,  
25 podiatrists, advanced practice nurses and psychologists for  
services rendered to medicaid patients [~~that provides~~]. The  
rate shall provide equal reimbursement for the same or

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1 similar services rendered without respect to the date on  
2 which [~~such physician, dentist, optometrist, podiatrist or~~  
3 ~~psychologist~~] the health care provider entered into practice  
4 in New Mexico [~~the date on which the physician, dentist,~~  
5 ~~optometrist, podiatrist or psychologist~~] or entered into an  
6 agreement or contract to provide such services or the  
7 location in which such services are to be provided in the  
8 state [~~provided, however, that~~].

9           B. The requirements of this section shall not  
10 apply when the human services department contracts with  
11 entities pursuant to Section 27-2-12.6 NMSA 1978 to negotiate  
12 a rate for the reimbursement for services rendered to  
13 medicaid patients in the medicaid managed care system."

14           Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Five million dollars  
15 (\$5,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
16 human services department for expenditure in fiscal year 2001  
17 for the purpose of increasing medicaid professional  
18 reimbursement levels authorized in Section 12-2-12.3 NMSA  
19 1978. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at  
20 the end of fiscal year 2001 shall revert to the general fund.