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SENATE BILL 97

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

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; CREATING A MEDICAID BUY-IN PROGRAM AS A  
WORK INCENTIVE FOR CERTAIN DISABLED PERSONS; MAKING AN  
APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. MEDICAID BUY-IN--LIMITATION.--The human  
services department shall establish a medicaid participation  
work incentive program to permit disabled persons whose  
earned incomes from substantial gainful activity, as defined  
by federal guidelines, are less than two hundred fifty  
percent of the federal poverty level, to participate in the  
state medicaid program. Participants in the program may not  
be receiving supplemental social security income benefits or  
services under the medicaid disabled and elderly or  
developmentally disabled waiver programs concurrent with  
participation in the work incentive program. The department

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1 shall adopt rules to achieve a maximum level of participation  
2 commensurate with funding.

3 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--

4 A. One million four hundred thousand dollars  
5 (\$1,400,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
6 human services department for expenditure in fiscal year 2001  
7 for the purpose of funding medicaid participation as a work  
8 incentive for disabled persons in the following amounts for  
9 the following purposes:

10 (1) one million three hundred thousand  
11 dollars (\$1,300,000) for direct costs of medicaid  
12 participation by eligible individuals; and

13 (2) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)  
14 for administrative start-up costs, including computer  
15 programming for eligibility systems, a disability eligibility  
16 determination unit and outreach and training.

17 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
18 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2001 shall revert to the  
19 general fund.