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HOUSE BILL 303

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

**RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE; REQUIRING STANDARD CO-PAYMENTS
ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG PURCHASES.**

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

**Section 1. A new section of Chapter 13, Article 7 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:**

**"[NEW MATERIAL] Any health care coverage, including any
form of self-insurance, offered, issued or renewed under the
Health Care Purchasing Act on or after July 1, 2001 that
offers prescription drug coverage with co-payments by the
insured shall require that co-payments be the same for any
prescribed drug whether the prescription is dispensed by a
retail pharmacy, by mail order or by any other means."**

**Section 2. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 22 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:**

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1 "[NEW MATERIAL] An individual or group hospital or
2 medical expense insurance policy offered, issued or renewed in
3 New Mexico on or after July 1, 2001 that offers prescription
4 drug coverage with co-payments by the insured shall require
5 that co-payments be the same for any prescribed drug whether
6 the prescription is dispensed by a retail pharmacy, by mail
7 order or by any other means. "

8 Section 3. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 23 NMSA
9 1978 is enacted to read:

10 "[NEW MATERIAL] Each group health insurance policy
11 offered, issued or renewed in New Mexico on or after July 1,
12 2001 that offers prescription drug coverage with co-payments
13 by the insured shall require that co-payments be the same for
14 any prescribed drug whether the prescription is dispensed by a
15 retail pharmacy, by mail order or by any other means. "

16 Section 4. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 46 NMSA
17 1978 is enacted to read:

18 "[NEW MATERIAL] All individual and group health
19 maintenance organization contracts offered, issued or renewed
20 in New Mexico on or after July 1, 2001 that offer prescription
21 drug coverage with co-payments by the enrollee shall require
22 that co-payments be the same for any prescribed drug whether
23 the prescription is dispensed by a retail pharmacy, by mail
24 order or by any other means. "

25 Section 5. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 47 NMSA

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1 1978 is enacted to read:

2 "[NEW MATERIAL] Any individual and group subscriber
3 contracts offered, issued or renewed in New Mexico on or after
4 July 1, 2001 that offer prescription drug coverage with
5 co-payments by the subscriber shall require that co-payments
6 be the same for any prescribed drug whether the prescription
7 is dispensed by a retail pharmacy, by mail order or by any
8 other means. "

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