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HOUSE BILL 548

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

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO HEALTH; REQUIRING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR
SERVICES PROVIDED BY LICENSED CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIANS.**

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

**Section 1. Section 27-2-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1973,
Chapter 376, Section 16, as amended) is amended to read:**

**"27-2-12. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. --Consistent with
the federal act and subject to the appropriation and
availability of federal and state funds, the medical
assistance division of the human services department [~~may by
regulation~~] shall by rule provide medical assistance,
including the services of licensed doctors of oriental
medicine and licensed [~~chiropractors~~] chiropractic physicians,
to persons eligible for public assistance programs under the
federal act."**

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

3 "27-2-12.3. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT--EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL
4 PHYSICIANS', DENTISTS', OPTOMETRISTS', PODIATRISTS',
5 CHIROPRACTORS' AND PSYCHOLOGISTS' SERVICES.--The human
6 services department shall establish a rate for the
7 reimbursement of physicians, dentists, optometrists,
8 podiatrists, chiropractors and psychologists for services
9 rendered to medicaid patients that provides equal
10 reimbursement for the same or similar services rendered
11 without respect to the date on which such physician, dentist,
12 optometrist, podiatrist, chiropractor or psychologist entered
13 into practice in New Mexico, the date on which the physician,
14 dentist, optometrist, podiatrist, chiropractor or psychologist
15 entered into an agreement or contract to provide such services
16 or the location in which such services are to be provided in
17 the state; provided, however, that the requirements of this
18 section shall not apply when the human services department
19 contracts with entities pursuant to Section 27-2-12.6 NMSA
20 1978 to negotiate a rate for the reimbursement for services
21 rendered to medicaid patients in the medicaid managed care
22 system. "