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SENATE BILL 626

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

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAID; REQUIRING THAT MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH SERVICES BE PROVIDED UNDER A FEE-FOR-SERVICE
ARRANGEMENT; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 27-2-12.6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
Chapter 62, Section 22) is amended to read:

"27-2-12.6. MEDICAID PAYMENTS--MANAGED CARE.--

A. The department shall provide for a statewide,
managed care system to provide cost-efficient, preventive,
primary and acute care for medicaid recipients by July 1,
1995.

B. The managed care system shall ensure:

(1) access to medically necessary services,
particularly for medicaid recipients with chronic health

underscored material = new
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1 problems;

2 (2) to the extent practicable, maintenance of
3 the rural primary care delivery infrastructure;

4 (3) that the department's approach is
5 consistent with national and state health care reform
6 principles; and

7 (4) to the maximum extent possible, that
8 medicaid-eligible individuals are not identified as such
9 except as necessary for billing purposes.

10 C. The department may exclude nursing homes,
11 intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded,
12 medicaid in-home and community-based waiver services and
13 residential and community-based mental health services for
14 children with serious emotional disorders from the provisions
15 of this section.

16 D. The department shall:

17 (1) exclude mental and behavioral health
18 services from this section;

19 (2) provide mental and behavioral health
20 services under a fee-for-service arrangement; and

21 (3) separate mental and behavioral health
22 services from a managed care arrangement. "