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SENATE BILL 733

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAID; PROVIDING FOR MEDICAID PAYMENT RATES AT ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF MEDICARE RATES; PROVIDING FOR EXPANDED MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY; AMENDING AND ENACTING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Public Assistance Act is enacted to read:

" NEW MATERIAL MEDICAID PAYMENT RATES FOR PHYSICIANS. --

The department shall provide reimbursement for physicians participating in the medicaid program in the state in an amount equal to one hundred twenty-five percent of the medicare reimbursement rate. The reimbursement rate shall be based on the service provided or procedure performed as identified in the federal health care financing

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1 administration's common procedure coding system "

2 Section 2. Section 27-12-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1998,  
3 Chapter 52, Section 3) is amended to read:

4 "27-12-3. DEFINITIONS. --As used in the Child Health Act:

5 A. "child" means a natural person who has not  
6 reached his nineteenth birthday;

7 B. "custodial parent" means a natural parent,  
8 adoptive parent, stepparent or legal guardian with whom the  
9 child lives;

10 ~~[B.]~~ C. "department" means the human services  
11 department;

12 D. "earned income" means cash or payment in kind  
13 that is received as wages from employment or payment in lieu  
14 of wages or earnings from self-employment or earnings acquired  
15 from the direct provision of services, goods or property,  
16 production of goods, management of property or supervision of  
17 services;

18 ~~[E.]~~ E. "low-income children and their families"  
19 means a family with a dependent child with income at or below  
20 the level specified in Section [6 of the Child Health Act]  
21 27-12-6 NMSA 1978; and

22 ~~[D.]~~ F. "secretary" means the secretary of human  
23 services. "

24 Section 3. A new section of the Child Health Act is  
25 enacted to read:

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