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SENATE BILL 241

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE DETERMINATION
OF HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS' REIMBURSEMENTS FOR MEDICAID
SERVICES; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.**

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

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

**"27-2-12.3. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT--EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL
PHYSICIANS', DENTISTS', OPTOMETRISTS', PODIATRISTS' AND
PSYCHOLOGISTS' SERVICES. --**

**A. The human services department shall establish a
rate for the reimbursement of physicians, dentists,
optometrists, podiatrists and psychologists for services
rendered to medicaid patients that provides equal
reimbursement for the same or similar services rendered**

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1 without respect to the date on which such physician, dentist,
2 optometrist, podiatrist or psychologist entered into practice
3 in New Mexico, the date on which the physician, dentist,
4 optometrist, podiatrist or psychologist entered into an
5 agreement or contract to provide such services or the location
6 in which such services are to be provided in the state.

7 [~~provided, however, that the~~]

8 B. The requirements of this section shall [not]
9 apply when the human services department contracts with
10 entities pursuant to Section 27-2-12.6 NMSA 1978 to negotiate
11 a rate for the reimbursement for services rendered to medicaid
12 patients in the medicaid managed care system.

13 C. The human services department shall, at the
14 beginning of each fiscal year, set the reimbursement rates for
15 services rendered by physicians to medicaid patients at not
16 less than ninety-five percent of the corresponding rates
17 reimbursable under Part B of Title 18 of the federal Social
18 Security Act."

19 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the
20 provisions of this act is July 1, 2004.