

1 SENATE BILL 64

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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8 FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE HEALTH
12 MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION LAW TO PROVIDE FOR A SINGLE, STATEWIDE
13 ENTITY FOR CREDENTIALING HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL AND
14 TO REQUIRE THAT ALL HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE
15 STATE USE THE ENTITY FOR CREDENTIALING PURPOSES.

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

18 SECTION 1. A new section of the Health Maintenance
19 Organization Law is enacted to read:

20 "[NEW MATERIAL] PROVIDER CREDENTIALING.--

21 A. To credential providers, a health maintenance
22 organization operating in the state shall use exclusively the
23 services of a single entity that provides credentialing
24 services statewide as established by rule of the
25 superintendent. The credentialing entity created pursuant to

.190299.1

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1 this section shall not have any affiliation with or any income
2 derived from any other employment or contract with a health
3 maintenance organization.

4 B. As used in this section, "credentialing" means
5 the process that a health maintenance organization uses for
6 assessing and validating the qualifications of a provider.
7 "Credentialing" does not mean the peer review or qualifications
8 review process that a health care facility undertakes when
9 granting or reviewing a provider's practice privileges with
10 respect to that health care facility."