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HOUSE BILL 509

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
STATEWIDE PERINATAL COLLABORATIVE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

**SECTION 1.** [NEW MATERIAL] STATEWIDE PERINATAL  
COLLABORATIVE--DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH.--

A. By January 1, 2016, the department of health shall establish a statewide "perinatal collaborative" to improve health outcomes for pregnant women and newborns. The department shall contract for the development of the collaborative with a nonprofit organization.

B. The purpose of the collaborative is to improve outcomes for families by:

(1) standardizing the use of evidence-based practice in obstetrical settings, newborn and neonatal

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1 intensive care units and other health care facilities;

2 (2) achieving measurable improvements in  
3 health outcomes for pregnant women and newborns in the state;

4 (3) reducing unintended pregnancies,  
5 particularly among youth;

6 (4) reducing pre-term births and improving the  
7 outcomes of pre-term newborns;

8 (5) promoting effective quality-improving and  
9 cost-saving best practices to providers of women's health and  
10 perinatal care; and

11 (6) improving multiple health conditions  
12 addressed by obstetrical, women's health and neonatal health  
13 care providers.

14 C. The collaborative shall include the department  
15 of health, physicians, nurse-midwives, health care clinics and  
16 other health care providers.

17 D. The department and the collaborative shall  
18 report annually to the legislative health and human services  
19 committee and the legislative finance committee on systemic  
20 improvements, state and local health statistics for pregnant  
21 women and newborns and other information the collaborative  
22 considers important.

23 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**--Two hundred thousand dollars  
24 (\$200,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
25 department of health for expenditure in fiscal years 2015 and  
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1 2016 to establish the statewide perinatal collaborative  
2 pursuant to Section 1 of this act. Any unexpended or  
3 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2016  
4 shall revert to the general fund.

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