

1 SENATE BILL 132

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HEALTH; AMENDING THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO  
12 REQUIRE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS TO LICENSED CHIROPRACTIC  
13 PHYSICIANS AND NAPRAPATHIC MEDICAL PROVIDERS.

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

16 SECTION 1. Section 27-2-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1973,  
17 Chapter 376, Section 16, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "27-2-12. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.--

19 A. Consistent with the federal act and subject to  
20 the appropriation and availability of federal and state funds,  
21 the medical assistance division of the department:

22 (1) may by rule provide medical assistance,  
23 including the services of licensed doctors of oriental medicine  
24 [~~licensed chiropractic physicians~~] and licensed dental  
25 hygienists in collaborating practice [~~to persons eligible for~~

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1 ~~public assistance programs under the federal act~~]; and

2 (2) shall provide for medical assistance for  
3 services provided by licensed naprapaths and licensed  
4 chiropractic physicians.

5 B. Subject to appropriation and availability of  
6 federal, state or other funds received by the state from public  
7 or private grants or donations, the medical assistance division  
8 of the department may by rule provide medical assistance,  
9 including assistance in the payment of premiums for medical or  
10 long-term care insurance, to children up to the age of twelve  
11 if not part of a sibling group; children up to the age of  
12 eighteen if part of a sibling group that includes a child up to  
13 the age of twelve; and pregnant women who are residents of the  
14 state of New Mexico and who are ineligible for public  
15 assistance under the federal act. The department, in  
16 implementing the provisions of this subsection, shall:

17 (1) establish rules that encourage pregnant  
18 women to participate in prenatal care; and

19 (2) not provide a benefit package that exceeds  
20 the benefit package provided to state employees."