

1 SENATE BILL 45

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; AMENDING THE INDIGENT HOSPITAL AND
12 COUNTY HEALTH CARE ACT TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED USES OF
13 COUNTY HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE FUNDS.

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

16 SECTION 1. Section 27-5-7.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
17 Chapter 321, Section 16, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "27-5-7.1. COUNTY HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE FUND--AUTHORIZED
19 USES OF THE FUND.--

20 A. The fund may be used to pay for:

21 (1) expenses of burial or cremation of an
22 indigent person;

23 (2) ambulance transportation, hospital care
24 and health care services for indigent patients; ~~[or]~~

25 (3) all or a portion of the:

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1 (a) monthly premiums of health insurance
2 policies for indigent patients; or

3 (b) out-of-pocket costs, including
4 copayments and deductibles, incurred by indigent patient
5 insureds pursuant to the terms of a health insurance policy; or

6 [~~5~~] (4) county administrative expenses
7 associated with fund expenditures authorized in Paragraphs (1)
8 through (3) of this subsection.

9 B. The fund may be used to meet a county's
10 obligation under Section 27-10-4 NMSA 1978."

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