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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE: PROVIDING MEDICAID PROGRAM PAYMENTS FOR PRIMARY CARE CLINICS; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Public Assistance Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] MEDICAID PAYMENTS FOR PRIMARY CARE CLINICS--MEDICAID CONTRACTS FOR MANAGED CARE REQUIRED TO INCLUDE PRIMARY CARE CLINICS. --

In providing payments under the medicaid program, the human services department shall ensure that a communitybased primary care clinic that was a federally qualified health center in 1995 under the federal act shall receive for at least the same amount and type of services rendered in all subsequent

years at least the same amount of total payments under the medicaid program as the primary care clinic received in the calendar year ending December 31, 1995.

In administering the medicaid program, the human services department shall ensure that any managed care program for medicaid, whether implemented through a federal waiver, block grant program or otherwise, shall require a health plan participating in the managed care program to contract with and provide timely payments at least monthly to each primary care clinic in the health plan's service area that was or would have qualified as a federally qualified health center in 1995 under the federal act."

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