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42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

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AN ACT

FOR THE HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE AND THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH

AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT TO ALLOW ENTITIES CONTRACTING WITH THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO NEGOTIATE A RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY MEDICAL PROVIDERS.

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

Section 1. Section 27-2-12.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987, Chapter 269, Section 1) is amended to read:

"27-2-12.3. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT--EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL PHYSICIANS', DENTISTS', OPTOMETRISTS', PODIATRISTS' AND PSYCHOLOGISTS' SERVICES.--The human services department shall establish a rate for the reimbursement of physicians, dentists, optometrists, podiatrists and psychologists for services rendered to medicaid patients that provides equal reimbursement for the same or similar services rendered without respect to the

date on which such physician, dentist, optometrist, podiatrist or psychologist entered into practice in New Mexico, the date on which the physician, dentist, optometrist, podiatrist or psychologist entered into an agreement or contract to provide such services or the location in which such services are to be provided in the state; provided, however, that the requirements of this section shall not apply when the human services department contracts with entities pursuant to Section 27-2-12.6 NMSA 1978 to negotiate a rate for the reimbursement for services rendered to medicaid patients in the medicaid managed care system."

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JANUARY 23, 1996

Mr. President:

Your **COMMITTEES' COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and finds same to be **GERMANE**, PURSUANT TO CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS, and thence referred to the PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR MANNY M ARAGON, Chairman

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

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February 8, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

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Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gary K. King, Chairman

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