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HOUSE BILL

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

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DISCUSSION DRAFT

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAID HOME VISITING SERVICES FOR INFANTS BORN TO MEDICAID RECIPIENTS AND FOR THE INFANTS' FAMILIES.

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 INFANT AND FAMILY HOME VISITING PROGRAM.--

A. Consistent with the federal act and subject to the appropriation and availability of federal and state funds, the secretary shall establish a home visiting program to provide home visiting services for infants who are born to

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1 medicaid recipients and for the infants' families. The home
2 visiting program shall provide for at least six visits where
3 home visiting services are provided to an infant or the
4 infant's family during the infant's first year of life.

5 B. As used in this section, "home visiting program"
6 means a program that:

7 (1) uses home visiting as a primary service
8 delivery strategy;

9 (2) offers services to an infant and the
10 infant's family that the infant's family receives on a
11 voluntary basis;

12 (3) provides a comprehensive array of services
13 that:

14 (a) are designed to promote child
15 well-being and prevent adverse childhood experiences;

16 (b) promote parental competence and
17 successful early childhood health and development by building
18 long-term relationships with families and optimizing the
19 relationships between parents and children in their home
20 environments; and

21 (c) deliver a variety of informational,
22 educational, developmental, referral and other supports to an
23 infant and the infant's family;

24 (4) is research-based and grounded in
25 relevant, empirically based best practices and knowledge that

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1 is linked to and measures the following outcomes:

2 (a) infants who are nurtured by their
3 parents and caregivers;

4 (b) children who are physically and
5 mentally healthy;

6 (c) infants and families who are safe;
7 and

8 (d) families who are connected to formal
9 and informal supports in their communities;

10 (5) has comprehensive home visiting standards
11 that ensure high-quality service delivery and continuous
12 quality improvement;

13 (6) has demonstrated significant, sustained
14 positive outcomes;

15 (7) follows program standards that the
16 secretary has established by rule and that specify the purpose,
17 outcomes, duration and frequency of home visiting services;

18 (8) follows research-based protocols;

19 (9) employs well-trained and competent staff
20 and provides continual professional supervision and development
21 relevant to the specific program or model being delivered;

22 (10) demonstrates strong links to other
23 community-based services;

24 (11) operates within an organization that
25 ensures compliance with home visiting standards;

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1 (12) continually evaluates performance to
2 ensure fidelity to the program standards;
3 (13) collects data on program activities and
4 program outcomes; and
5 (14) is culturally and linguistically
6 appropriate."

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