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AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 27-5-7.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,

Chapter 321, Section 16, as amended) is amended to read:

"27-5-7.1. COUNTY HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE FUND--AUTHORIZED

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USES OF THE FUND. --

- A. The fund may be used to pay for:
- (1) expenses of burial or cremation of an indigent person;
- (2) ambulance transportation, hospital care and health care services for indigent patients; $[\frac{\partial r}{\partial t}]$
 - (3) all or a portion of the:

(a) monthly premiums of SHPAC→health

insurance policies←SHPAC SHPAC→public or private health

insurance or coverage←SHPAC for indigent patients; or

(b) out-of-pocket costs, including

copayments and deductibles, incurred by indigent patient

insureds pursuant to the terms of a SHPAC→health insurance

policy←SHPAC SHPAC→public or private health insurance policy

or coverage plan←SHPAC; or

 $[\frac{(5)}{(4)}]$ county administrative expenses associated with fund expenditures authorized in Paragraphs (1) through (3) of this subsection.

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

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