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SENATE BILL

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PAY
LICENSED BOARDING HOMES FOR HOUSING PEOPLE DISCHARGED FROM THE
NEW MEXICO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INSTITUTE AT LAS VEGAS OR THE
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO ADULT PSYCHIATRIC CENTER; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Public Health Act is
enacted to read:

"NEW MATERIAL PAYMENT TO LICENSED BOARDING HOMES.--

A. Beginning January 1, 2026, the department of
health shall pay each boarding home that admits a person who is
discharged from the New Mexico behavioral health institute at
Las Vegas or the university of New Mexico adult psychiatric
center two hundred dollars (\$200) for each month that the

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1 person is a resident of the boarding home.

2 B. The department of health shall promulgate rules
3 for the payment of boarding homes. At a minimum, the rules
4 shall address:

5 (1) the documentation required to be submitted
6 by the boarding home to be eligible for payment; and

7 (2) safeguards to prevent fraud.

8 C. For the purposes of this section, "boarding
9 home" means a facility licensed by the department of health as
10 a boarding home."

11 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Two hundred fifty thousand
12 dollars (\$250,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
13 department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 to pay
14 licensed boarding homes for housing people released from the
15 New Mexico behavioral health institute at Las Vegas or the
16 university of New Mexico adult psychiatric center. Any
17 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
18 fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the general fund.