

HOUSE FLOOR SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 592

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; EXPANDING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN
CUSTODIAL PARENTS; REQUIRING CONSULTATION WITH THE LEGISLATURE;
AMENDING AND ENACTING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. Section 27-12-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1998,
Chapter 52, Section 3) is amended to read:

"27-12-3. DEFINITIONS. -- As used in the Child Health Act:

A. "child" means a natural person who has not
reached his nineteenth birthday;

B. "custodial parent" means a natural parent,
adoptive parent, stepparent or legal guardian with whom the
child lives;

1 ~~[B.]~~ C. "department" means the human services
2 department;

3 ~~[C.]~~ D. "low-income children and their families"
4 means a family with a dependent child with income at or below
5 the level specified in Section ~~[6 of the Child Health Act]~~
6 27-12-6 NMSA 1978; and

7 ~~[D.]~~ E. "secretary" means the secretary of human
8 services. "

9 Section 2. A new section of the Child Health Act is
10 enacted to read:

11 "[NEW MATERIAL] COVERAGE FOR PARENTS--INCOME DISREGARDS--
12 CONSULTATION WITH THE LEGISLATURE.--

13 A. Subject to the availability of state and federal
14 matching funds pursuant to Title 21 of the federal Social
15 Security Act, a custodial parent of a medicaid-eligible child
16 is eligible for medicaid if the parent's net countable income
17 is below one hundred percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

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19 B. The department shall, unless as otherwise
20 provided in Subsection C of this section, determine the
21 parent's net countable income by excluding income from exempted
22 sources and disregarded income pursuant to Section 27-2B-7 NMSA
23 1978. Resources shall not be counted in the eligibility
24 determination.
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