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SENATE BILL 219

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATED PURCHASING OF HEALTH CARE
BENEFITS; PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN HEALTH CARE
BENEFITS; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 13-7-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1997,
Chapter 74, Section 4) is amended to read:

"13-7-4. MANDATORY CONSOLIDATED PURCHASING. --

A. The publicly funded health care agencies shall
enter into a cooperative consolidated purchasing effort to
provide plans of health care benefits for the benefit of
eligible participants of the respective agencies. The request
for proposal shall set forth one or more plans of health care
benefits and shall include accommodation of fully funded
arrangements as well as varying degrees of self-funded pool

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1 options.

2 B. A consolidated purchasing request for proposals
3 for all health care benefits by the publicly funded health
4 care agencies shall be issued on or before July 1, 1999 and
5 any contracts for health care benefits renewed or issued on or
6 after July 1, 2000 shall be the result of consolidated
7 purchasing.

8 C. All requests for proposals issued as part of
9 the consolidated purchasing shall include at least one
10 distinct service area consisting of the Albuquerque
11 metropolitan area. Proposals on a distinct service area shall
12 be evaluated separately.

13 D. A school district within the public school
14 insurance authority is exempt from mandatory participation in
15 the consolidated purchasing for dental care and eye care
16 benefits provided that the school district offers dental care
17 and eye care benefits to its employees. The school district
18 may enter into a joint powers agreement with a county,
19 municipality, state educational institution or other political
20 subdivision to self-insure for dental care and eye care
21 benefits. "

22 Section 2. Section 13-7-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001,
23 Chapter 351, Section 1) is amended to read:

24 "13-7-5. CONSOLIDATED PURCHASING FOR OTHER PERSONS. --

25 A. Counties, municipalities, state educational

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1 institutions and other political subdivisions that wish to use
2 the consolidated purchasing single process for the procurement
3 of health care benefits shall create or enter into an existing
4 association, cooperative or other mutual alliance to create
5 larger pools of eligible participants.

6 B. Counties, municipalities, state educational
7 institutions and other political subdivisions that wish to use
8 the consolidated purchasing single process shall, through
9 their respective association, cooperative or mutual alliance,
10 participate in the subsequent consolidated purchasing single
11 process with the publicly funded health care agencies.

12 C. Counties, municipalities, state educational
13 institutions and other political subdivisions that wish to use
14 the consolidated purchasing single process are exempt from
15 mandatory participation in the consolidated purchasing for
16 dental care and eye care benefits. The county, municipality,
17 state educational institution or other political subdivision
18 may enter into a joint powers agreement with another political
19 subdivision to self-insure for dental care and eye care
20 benefits. "