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HOUSE BILL 79

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

**RELATING TO MEDICAID; AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A MEDICAID
WAIVER PROGRAM TO MATCH COUNTY INDIGENT FUNDS WITH FEDERAL
MEDICAID FUNDS IN COUNTIES WILLING TO PARTICIPATE.**

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] COUNTY INDIGENT FUNDS--MEDICAID WAIVER
AUTHORIZATION.--Subject to the availability of state funds and
consistent with the federal Social Security Act and the signed
agreement of the various counties electing to participate, the
department shall create a medicaid waiver program permitting
the use of county indigent funds to be matched with federal
medicaid funds in order to provide expanded services to
eligible individuals who:**

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A. are New Mexico residents; and
B. are determined to be eligible for medicaid under
the provisions of the waiver. "