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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO
DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HEALTH; DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Department of Health Act is enacted to
read:

"COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HEALTH.--

A. The department, in conjunction with the New Mexico health policy
commission and other state agencies, pursuant to Section 9-7-11.1 NMSA 1978,
shall develop a comprehensive strategic plan for health that emphasizes
prevention, personal responsibility, access and quality.

B. The department shall publish the comprehensive strategic plan
for health by July 1, 2004 and July 1 of subsequent even-numbered years. By July
1 of odd-numbered years, the department shall review and update or amend the
plan in response to changes and developments.

C. The department shall include the legislature, health care
providers, consumer and patient advocates, health care financing organizations,
managed care organizations, major insurers in the state, the human services
department, the children, youth and families department, the state agency on aging,
pharmaceutical manufacturers and other stakeholders in its development of the
comprehensive strategic plan for health so as to give geographic representation to
all areas of the state. The department shall ensure that public participation and
public input are integrated into the planning process. The department shall
convene regional meetings on the proposed plan to allow public review and
comment including oral and written testimony, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

1 D. The department shall consult with the governments of Indian
2 nations, tribes and pueblos located wholly or partially within New Mexico to include
3 Indian nations, tribes and pueblos in the development of the comprehensive
4 strategic plan for health.

5 E. The department shall report its findings, recommendations and
6 goals in its biennial comprehensive strategic plan for health. The plan shall address
7 the following areas and others that the governor and the legislature may from time
8 to time request:

9 (1) a summary of the state's health care system that includes
10 the financial, administrative and delivery structure in both the public and private
11 sector;

12 (2) the diseases, injuries and risk factors for physical,
13 behavioral and oral health that are the greatest cause of illness, injury or death in
14 the state, with special attention to and recognition of the disparities that currently
15 exist for different population groups;

16 (3) key indicators of and barriers to health care coverage and
17 access, with specific emphasis on reducing the number of uninsured New
18 Mexicans;

19 (4) the role of the department, other state agencies and the
20 private sector in identifying strategies and interventions to provide health care
21 coverage, access and quality;

22 (5) a continuum of care model that emphasizes prevention,
23 early intervention and health promotion and that includes public health services,
24 emergency medical services, primary care, acute care, specialized care, tertiary
25 care and long-term care;

(6) health education, wellness, nutrition and exercise
initiatives that emphasize personal health responsibility;

1 (7) workforce initiatives to identify, recruit and retain health SB
2 care professionals; B
3 (8) health care facility infrastructure, capacity, capitalization 3
4 and financial viability in both the public and private sector; 4
5 (9) licensing, credentialing, oversight and tracking initiatives P
6 designed to improve health care quality and outcome measurements; a
7 (10) programs, services and activities designed to address g
8 the needs of the disabled, elderly and other special-needs populations; e
9 (11) anticipated demands and challenges on the health care 3
10 system as the need for long-term care services increases;
11 (12) data and information addressing key health status and
12 system indicators, statistics, benchmarks, targets and goals for the state and
13 comparing it nationally, regionally and to other states of similar size and
14 demographics; provided that individually identifiable health information and other
15 proprietary information is protected as required by state or federal law; and
16 (13) planning and response to public health emergencies,
17 including bioterrorism, pandemic flu, disease outbreaks and other situations that will
18 require a coordinated response by the health care system."

19 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and
20 safety that this act take effect immediately.

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