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HOUSE BILL 648

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAID; ADDING AN ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY FOR ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH INCOMES LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES; AMENDING SECTION 27-2B-15 NMSA 1978 (BEING LAWS 1998, CHAPTER 8, SECTION 15 AND LAWS 1998, CHAPTER 9, SECTION 15, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2001, CHAPTER 295, SECTION 8 AND BY LAWS 2001, CHAPTER 326, SECTION 8); MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. Section 27-2B-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1998, Chapter 8, Section 15 and Laws 1998, Chapter 9, Section 15, as amended by Laws 2001, Chapter 295, Section 8 and by Laws 2001, Chapter 326, Section 8) is amended to read:

"27-2B-15. MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY.--

A. The following are eligible for medicaid:

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1 (1) a participant who is in transition to
2 self-sufficiency due to employment or child support;

3 (2) a pregnant woman who meets the income and
4 resource requirements for New Mexico's aid to families with
5 dependent children as they existed on July 16, 1996;

6 (3) a member of a benefit group who is
7 eighteen years of age or younger if the benefit group's income
8 is below one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty
9 guidelines;

10 (4) a pregnant woman whose income is below one
11 hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty guidelines;

12 (5) participants receiving federal
13 supplemental security income;

14 (6) an aged, blind or disabled person in an
15 institution who meets all the supplemental security income
16 standards except for income;

17 (7) a person who meets all standards for
18 institutional care but is cared for at home and meets
19 eligibility standards for medicaid;

20 (8) a qualified medicare beneficiary,
21 qualified disabled working person or specified low-income
22 medicare beneficiary; ~~and~~

23 (9) a foster child in the custody of the state
24 or of an Indian pueblo, tribe or nation who meets eligibility
25 standards for medicare; and

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1 (10) a member of a benefit group who is over
2 the age of eighteen and whose benefit group's income is below
3 one hundred percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

4 B. Effective October 1, 2001, for the medicaid
5 category designated "JUL medicaid" by the department, the
6 income eligibility criteria shall be the same as the income
7 eligibility criteria set forth in the New Mexico Works Act."

8 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Twenty-two million five
9 hundred thousand dollars (\$22,500,000) is appropriated from the
10 general fund to the human services department for expenditure
11 in fiscal year 2007 to provide medicaid coverage for certain
12 persons with incomes under one hundred percent of the federal
13 poverty level pursuant to Paragraph (10) of Subsection A of
14 Section 27-2B-15 NMSA 1978. Any unexpended or unencumbered
15 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert
16 to the general fund.