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SENATE BILL 272

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

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE WELFARE REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC BENEFITS; EXTENDING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY TO
YOUTH AGED EIGHTEEN TO TWENTY-ONE ELIGIBLE FOR INDEPENDENT
LIVING SERVICES; 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:

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

(2) a pregnant woman who meets the income and
resource requirements for New Mexico's aid to families with

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1 dependent children as they existed on July 16, 1996;

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

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

8 (5) participants receiving federal
9 supplemental security income;

10 (6) an aged, blind or disabled person in an
11 institution who meets all the supplemental security income
12 standards except for income;

13 (7) a person who meets all standards for
14 institutional care but is cared for at home and meets
15 eligibility standards for medicaid;

16 (8) a qualified medicare beneficiary,
17 qualified disabled working person or specified low-income
18 medicare beneficiary; ~~and~~

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

22 (10) a youth aged eighteen to twenty-one who
23 is eligible for independent living services from the children,
24 youth and families department.

25 B. Effective October 1, 2001, for the medicaid

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1 category designated "JUL medicaid" by the department, the
2 income eligibility criteria shall be the same as the income
3 eligibility criteria set forth in the New Mexico Works Act."

4 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Fifty-four thousand five
5 hundred forty-seven dollars (\$54,547) is appropriated from the
6 general fund to the children, youth and families department for
7 expenditure in fiscal year 2007 to provide coverage for
8 medicaid benefits for youth aged eighteen to twenty-one who are
9 eligible for independent living services. Any unexpended or
10 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007
11 shall revert to the general fund.

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