SENATE BILL 583

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE; PROVIDING FOR STATE PAYMENT OF AN EMPLOYER PORTION OF A PREMIUM FOR CERTAIN CHILD CARE WORKERS; ENACTING A SECTION OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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] PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.--The department shall pay the employer portion of a health insurance premium for a child care worker eligible for coverage available through a medicaid health insurance flexibility and accountability waiver when such coverage is offered by a licensed child care center in New Mexico."

Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--One million dollars .161254.1

(\$1,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the human services department for expenditure in fiscal year 2007 to carry out the provisions of Section 1 of this act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

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