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HOUSE BILL 976

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE
A CANCER PATIENT NAVIGATION PROGRAM FOR EDUCATION ABOUT, AND
ASSISTANCE WITH, THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DISEASE.

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

Section 1. PATIENT NAVIGATION PROGRAM--APPROPRIATION.--

A. The department of health shall provide a cancer patient navigation program for education about, and assistance with, the management of the disease. The program shall:

(1) initially serve breast and cervical cancer patients statewide that have been identified by the department of health breast and cervical cancer program, and expand to all other cancer types as the program develops;

(2) be part of an existing cancer service agency, not affiliated with a particular health care

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1 institution, so that department of health breast and cervical
2 cancer program clients may be treated at any affiliated cancer
3 health care facility in the state; and

4 (3) employ a multidisciplinary team approach
5 to assisting those specific patients with access to health
6 care, financial, legal, transportation, psychological and other
7 issues.

8 B. Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) is
9 appropriated from the general fund to the department of health
10 for expenditure in fiscal years 2008 through 2010 for the
11 purpose of carrying out the provisions of Subsection A of this
12 section. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at
13 the end of fiscal year 2010 shall revert to the general fund.

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