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SENATE BILL 357

**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.