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SENATE BILL 427

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE; REQUIRING MEDICAID ENROLLMENT
REFERRAL BY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND LICENSED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Public School Code is
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] PUBLIC SCHOOLS--ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS--
MEDICAID APPLICATION.--

A. The secretary shall, after consultation with the
human services department, establish rules:

- (1) that require students to furnish proof of
health insurance coverage prior to school enrollment. Students
not furnishing proof of health insurance coverage shall be
referred to a person authorized to complete a medicaid
application on the student's behalf; and

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1 (2) that provide for the automatic referral of
2 any student enrolled in a federal school nutritional program to
3 a person authorized to complete a medicaid application on the
4 student's behalf and the forwarding of that application to the
5 human services department.

6 B. Students referred for medicaid application
7 pursuant to Subsection A of this section shall be provided with
8 human services department information on presumptive
9 eligibility for medicaid and the state children's health
10 insurance program."

11 SECTION 2. [NEW MATERIAL] CHILD CARE FACILITIES--
12 ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS--MEDICAID APPLICATION.--The children,
13 youth and families department shall, after consultation with
14 the human services department, establish rules requiring
15 licensed child care facilities to require proof of health
16 insurance coverage of each child prior to enrollment at the
17 facility. Families not furnishing proof of health insurance
18 coverage shall complete an application for state medicaid
19 eligibility that shall be referred to a person authorized to
20 complete a medicaid application on the child's behalf.
21 Families without proof of health insurance shall be furnished
22 with human services department information on presumptive
23 eligibility for medicaid and the state children's health
24 insurance program.