

1 SENATE BILL 586

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF
12 PAYMENTS.

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

15 SECTION 1. Section 27-5-16 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965,
16 Chapter 234, Section 16, as amended) is amended to read:

17 "27-5-16. DEPARTMENT--PAYMENTS--COOPERATION.--

18 A. The department shall not decrease the amount of
19 any assistance payments made to the hospitals or health care
20 providers of this state pursuant to law because of any
21 financial reimbursement made to ambulance services, hospitals
22 or health care providers for indigent or medicaid eligible
23 patients as provided in the Indigent Hospital and County Health
24 Care Act.

25 B. The department shall cooperate with each board

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1 in furnishing information or assisting in the investigation of
2 any person to determine whether ~~[he]~~ the person meets the
3 qualifications of an indigent patient as defined in the
4 Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act.

5 C. The department shall ensure that the sole
6 community provider payment and the reimbursement to hospitals
7 made under the state medicaid program do not exceed what would
8 have been paid for under medicare payment principles. In the
9 event the sole community provider payment and medicaid
10 reimbursement to hospitals would exceed medicare payment
11 principles, the department shall reduce the sole community
12 provider payment prior to making any reduction in reimbursement
13 to hospitals made under the state medicaid program; provided,
14 however, that additional payments may be made pursuant to
15 waiver agreement, rule, law or state plan amendment providing
16 for supplemental medicaid payments to hospitals."