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52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE HEALTH CARE PURCHASING ACT TO REQUIRE THAT PURCHASERS ESTABLISH GROUP COVERAGE FOR OBESITY PREVENTION, SCREENING AND TREATMENT AND WEIGHT REDUCTION.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Health Care Purchasing Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] COVERAGE FOR OBESITY PREVENTION, SCREENING AND TREATMENT--WEIGHT REDUCTION.--As of January 1, 2016, group health coverage, including any form of self-insurance, offered, issued or renewed under the Health Care Purchasing Act shall provide coverage for:

- A. prevention of obesity;
- B. screening for obesity; and

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C. interventions to promote weight reduction and
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