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SENATE BILL 451

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; ESTABLISHING A MEDICAID DENTAL
HEALTH CARE PILOT PROJECT IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE STATE.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Public Assistance Act is
enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ MEDICAID--DENTAL HEALTH CARE--PILOT.--

A. As federal law permits, the secretary shall
establish a year-long dental health care pilot project in the
counties of Catron, Grant, Sierra, Otero, Dona Ana, Luna and
Hidalgo on January 1, 2017. For recipients in those counties,
the dental coverage provided through the pilot project shall
replace any dental health care coverage offered through the
existing medicaid state plan or waiver. The dental health care
pilot project shall offer recipients:

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1 (1) a larger dental health care provider
2 network;

3 (2) shorter distance between recipients and
4 participating dental health care providers; and

5 (3) enhanced medicaid reimbursement for
6 participating dental health care providers.

7 B. The secretary shall establish by rule evaluation
8 and reporting requirements for the dental health care pilot
9 project. The department shall provide a written report and,
10 upon request, an oral presentation to the legislative health
11 and human services committee and to the legislative finance
12 committee regarding the results of the pilot project by
13 November 1, 2018."