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AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT TO DIRECT THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
TO CHANGE THE BASIS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF PREVENTIVE AND EARLY
INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN.

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:

"MEDICAL ASSISTANCE--PREVENTIVE AND EARLY INTERVENTION
SERVICES--BASIS FOR REIMBURSEMENT.--The secretary shall seek
any necessary authority under federal law to adopt and
promulgate rules under the state medical assistance program to
provide for the reimbursement of preventive and early
intervention services delivered to children on the basis of
need without specifying as a condition of reimbursement that a
child be identified as a child with a mental health diagnosis
or be diagnosed as having a serious emotional disturbance."_____