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SENATE BILL 96

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY
PATRICK H. LYONS

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; AMENDING SECTION 27-5-7 NMSA 1978
(BEING LAWS 1965, CHAPTER 234, SECTION 7, AS AMENDED) TO REMOVE
THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF MONEY FROM THE COUNTY
INDIGENT HOSPITAL CLAIMS FUND TO THE COUNTY-SUPPORTED MEDICAID
FUND.

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

Section 1. Section 27-5-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965,
Chapter 234, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

"27-5-7. COUNTY INDIGENT HOSPITAL CLAIMS FUND. --

A. There is created in the county treasury of each
county a "county indigent hospital claims fund".

B. Collections under the levy made pursuant to the
Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act and all payments
shall be placed into the fund, and the amount placed in the fund

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1 shall be budgeted and expended only for the purposes specified
2 in the Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act, by warrant
3 upon vouchers approved by a majority of the board and signed by
4 the chairman of the board. Payments for indigent
5 hospitalizations shall not be made from any other county fund.

6 C. The fund shall be audited in the manner that
7 other state and county funds are audited, and all records of
8 payments and verified statements of qualification upon which
9 payments were made from the fund shall be open to the public.

10 D. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of
11 the fiscal year [~~pursuant to Subsections F and G of this~~
12 ~~section~~] shall carry over into the ensuing year, and that
13 balance shall be taken into consideration in the determination
14 of the ensuing year's budget and certification of need for
15 purposes of making a tax levy.

16 E. Money may be transferred to the fund from other
17 sources, but no transfers may be made from the fund for any
18 purpose other than those specified in the Indigent Hospital and
19 County Health Care Act.

20 [~~F. On June 30 of each fiscal year, beginning in~~
21 ~~1996, the board shall transfer to the county supported medicaid~~
22 ~~fund that amount of the balance in the county indigent hospital~~
23 ~~claims fund that exceeds two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)~~
24 ~~or that exceeds the amount equal to thirty percent of the income~~
25 ~~to the fund during that fiscal year, whichever is greater.~~

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1 ~~Beginning in 1996, the transfer shall be made by September 1 of~~
2 ~~each fiscal year. Any amount transferred to the county-~~
3 ~~supported medicaid fund pursuant to this subsection is in~~
4 ~~addition to the county's obligation pursuant to Section 27-10-4~~
5 ~~NMSA-1978] "~~

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7 Mr. Presi dent:
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13 has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE, PURSUANT
14 TO CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS, and thence referred to the WAYS AND
15 MEANS COMMI TTEE.
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17 Respectfully submi tted,
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23 SENATOR MANNY M. ARAGON, Chai rman
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