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SENATE BILL 725

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; DECLARING THE MEDICAL DOCTORS AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED BY OR UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE, TRIBALLY OPERATED HEALTH FACILITIES AND URBAN INDIAN HEALTH CLINICS TO BE PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS FOR ALL HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS OR MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS CONTRACTING WITH THE STATE TO PROVIDE MEDICAID SERVICES IN NEW MEXICO; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Medicaid Provider Act is enacted to read:

" NEW MATERIAL CERTAIN MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS DECLARED PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS. --

A. Medical doctors and health care professionals that are licensed by the state of New Mexico or authorized by

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1 the federal government to provide medical treatment to  
2 patients at Indian health services facilities of the federal  
3 public health service, tribally operated health care  
4 facilities or urban Indian health clinics are primary care  
5 physicians for the purposes of providing health care and  
6 referrals to medicaid-eligible individuals seeking medicaid-  
7 eligible services. Health care organizations or managed care  
8 organizations providing medicaid services pursuant to  
9 contracts with the state shall process and recognize all  
10 communications from medical doctors or health care  
11 professionals employed by or under contract with Indian health  
12 care facilities, tribally operated health care facilities or  
13 urban Indian health clinics in the same manner that  
14 communications from other primary care physicians are  
15 processed or recognized.

16 B. For purposes of this section, "tribally  
17 operated" means a health care facility operated by or for an  
18 Indian nation, tribe or pueblo but not necessarily an Indian  
19 health services facility. "

20 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
21 peace, health and safety that this act take effect  
22 immediately.

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your INDIAN & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom  
10 has been referred  
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
17 PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

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19 Respectfully submitted,  
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The roll call vote was 4 For 0 Against

Yes: 4

No: 0

Excused: Davis, Vernon, Wilson

Absent: None

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