

THENCE TO

APPROPRIATIONS & FINANCE

*Veto*

HOUSE BILL 227

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1995

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; PROVIDING FOR MEDICAID PROGRAM  
EFFICIENCIES; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
ACT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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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 PROGRAM--MANAGED CARE  
EFFICIENCIES--WAIVER FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS--COVERAGE OF  
ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS--REPORT.--

A. The purpose of this section is to ensure that  
the medicaid program operates efficiently and that maximum use  
is made of federal and state funds to provide medicaid  
benefits to eligible persons.

B. The department shall pursue all reasonably

1 available means, including seeking appropriate waivers from  
2 the federal government under the federal Social Security Act,  
3 to ensure that the medicaid program operates efficiently and,  
4 subject to available funds, to provide benefits in the  
5 medicaid program to the maximum number of children and adults,  
6 including coverage for adults to at least one hundred percent  
7 of the federal poverty level.

8 C. The department shall implement effective public  
9 information campaigns and recruiting efforts to ensure that  
10 the medicaid program is offered to and utilized by all persons  
11 eligible to receive the program's benefits.

12 D. The department shall report annually to the  
13 appropriate interim legislative committees, including the  
14 legislative finance committee, on the operation of the  
15 medicaid program, including the progress made in adopting  
16 managed care and other efficiencies for the program and  
17 extending the program's benefits to the maximum number of  
18 children and adults, including coverage for adults to at least  
19 one hundred percent of the federal poverty level."

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[bracketed material] = delete

20 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Two hundred fifty thousand  
21 dollars (\$250,000) is appropriated from the general fund to  
22 the human services department for expenditure in fiscal year  
23 1996 to contract for services or otherwise provide for  
24 operational efficiencies in the medicaid program, for waiver  
25 applications to the federal government under the federal

1 Social Security Act and for administrative or operational  
2 expenses necessary to implement any waivers obtained for the  
3 medicaid program. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
4 remaining at the end of fiscal year 1996 shall revert to the  
5 general fund.

# State of New Mexico House of Representatives

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March 13, 1995

Mr. Speaker:


Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to whom  
has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, line 13, strike "; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION".
2. On pages 2 and 3, strike Section 2 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Max Coll, Chairman

Adopted   
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(Chief Clerk)

Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chief Clerk)

Date 3/14/95

The roll call vote was 14 For 2 Against  
Yes: 14  
No: Bird, Buffett  
Excused: Martinez, Watchman

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