

Legislative Update January 22, 2012
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The 2012 Legislative session is underway with most of the consideration being given to budgetary matters. The amount of legislation this year will be limited due to the 30 day session. The calendars for committee hearings can be found on the NM Legislature website at www.nmlegis.gov. Below is a list of Healthcare bills introduced as of 12pm Friday January 20, 2012. The language is taken directly from the introduced version of the bills. As the session progresses, some of the introduced legislation will gain momentum and others will lose steam. A bill's progress can be followed from the NM Legislature website using the "Legislation" link on the left side of the Homepage. An informative document is the Fiscal Impact Report (included on the bill's information page from the "Bill Finder" search) that includes some analysis of a bill's possible impact in New Mexico. Note that it may take a few days for the Fiscal Impact Report to appear on the bill's information page.

The first healthcare bill scheduled for committee hearing is HB 29; scheduled in the House Health and Government Affairs Committee on Thursday January 26th at 9:00 AM in room 309 of the capitol. Please be advised that schedules are subject to change and change often. If you are considering attending any of the committee hearings, please double check the hearing schedules on the website or call the committee chair's office using the legislator's contact information from the NM Legislature website. For example, the committee chair for the House Health and Government Affairs Committee is Rep. Mimi Stewart. Her office phone is (505) 275-2355. The chair's office has information on any last minute changes to a committee schedule.

2012 NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE HEALTHCARE BILLS

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| HB 16 | Hospital Charges to Uninsured Residents
RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; REQUIRING HOSPITALS TO LIMIT CHARGES TO UNINSURED RESIDENTS OF THE STATE; PROVIDING FOR A SLIDING SCALE OF CHARGES A HOSPITAL MAY CHARGE UNINSURED RESIDENTS OF THE STATE WHOSE GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOMES ARE LESS THAN FIVE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL. | Rep. Eleanor Chavez |
| HB 17 | Legislative Approval For Medicaid Changes
RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES TO OBTAIN PRIOR LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL BEFORE SUBMITTING CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE STATE'S MEDICAID PROGRAM THROUGH STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS OR WAIVER APPLICATIONS TO FEDERAL AUTHORITIES. | Rep. Eleanor Chavez |
| HB 18 | Transfer Health Info Data Management
RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM ACT TO TRANSFER DATA MANAGEMENT DUTIES FROM THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; ENACTING A TEMPORARY PROVISION TO TRANSFER ALL PROPERTY, RECORDS AND CONTRACTS DIRECTLY RELATING TO DATA MANAGEMENT DUTIES UNDER THE HEALTH | Rep. Mimi Stewart |

INFORMATION SYSTEM ACT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH;
RECONCILING MULTIPLE AMENDMENTS TO THE SAME SECTION OF LAW IN
LAWS 2005.

- HB 19** **Health Care Workforce Data Collection** **Rep. Mimi Stewart**
RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE HEALTH CARE
WORK FORCE DATA COLLECTION, ANALYSIS AND POLICY ACT TO DIRECT
THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO ASSUME DATA-RELATED DUTIES
PURSUANT TO THAT ACT; TRANSFERRING ALL DATA, APPROPRIATIONS,
PROPERTY, PERSONNEL, RECORDS AND CONTRACTS RELATED TO DATA
COLLECTION, ANALYSIS, STORAGE OR USE UNDER THE HEALTH CARE
WORK FORCE DATA COLLECTION, ANALYSIS AND POLICY ACT FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO.
- HB 26** **Reduce Mill Levy To Pay For County Hospitals** **Rep. William Rehm**
RELATING TO TAXATION; REDUCING THE MILL LEVY TO PAY THE COST OF
OPERATING AND MAINTAINING COUNTY HOSPITALS IN CERTAIN CLASS A
COUNTIES.
- HB 29** **Reduce Property Tax Levy For County Hospitals** **Rep. William Rehm**
RELATING TO TAXATION; REDUCING THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR
COUNTY HOSPITAL FUNDING.
- HB 33** **Hospitals As Primary Stroke Centers** **Rep. Conrad James**
RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE PUBLIC
HEALTH ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CERTIFICATION
OF HOSPITALS AS PRIMARY STROKE CENTERS, COMPREHENSIVE STROKE
CENTERS OR ACUTE STROKE CAPABLE CENTERS; PROVIDING FOR
RULEMAKING; PROVIDING FOR COORDINATED STROKE CARE
AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PRIMARY STROKE CENTERS AND ACUTE STROKE
CAPABLE CENTERS.
- SB 6** **New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange Act** **Sen. Dede Feldman**
RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE; ENACTING THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH
INSURANCE EXCHANGE ACT; CREATING THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH
INSURANCE EXCHANGE; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT, POWERS
AND DUTIES OF A BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE EXCHANGE; PROVIDING
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE OF THE PUBLIC REGULATION
COMMISSION WITH RULEMAKING POWERS RELATING TO THE EXCHANGE;
PROVIDING FOR POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXCHANGE; PROVIDING FOR
TRANSPARENCY OF EXCHANGE FUNDING AND OPERATIONS;
ESTABLISHING A NEW MEXICO HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE FUND;
REPEALING THE HEALTH INSURANCE ALLIANCE ACT AND TRANSFERRING
PROPERTY, PERSONNEL, CONTRACTS AND REFERENCES IN LAW TO THE
NEW MEXICO HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE; AMENDING, REPEALING
AND ENACTING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978; RECONCILING MULTIPLE
AMENDMENTS TO THE SAME SECTION OF LAW IN LAWS 2009; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- SB 7** **Establish Basic Health Program** **Sen. Dede Feldman**
RELATING TO HEALTH COVERAGE; AMENDING THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT TO DIRECT THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A BASIC HEALTH PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID; PROVIDING FOR RULEMAKING; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.
- SB 8** **Primary Care Physician Conditional Tuition** **Sen. Dede Feldman**
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO FUND THE PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN CONDITIONAL TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM.
- SB 20** **Dialysis Center Gross Receipts** **Sen. Carlos Cisneros**
RELATING TO TAXATION; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE GROSS RECEIPTS AND COMPENSATING TAX ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A DEDUCTION FROM GROSS RECEIPTS OF PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY DIALYSIS FACILITIES.
- SB 34** **Aging and Long Term Services Programs** **Sen. Linda Lopez**
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO FUND PROGRAMS IN THE CONSUMER AND ELDER RIGHTS DIVISION AND SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH THE AGING NETWORK SERVICES DIVISION OF THE AGING AND LONG-TERM SERVICES DEPARTMENT.
- SB 35** **County and Tribal Health Councils** **Sen. Linda Lopez**
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO FUND COUNTY AND TRIBAL HEALTH COUNCILS.
- SJM 6** **Low Income Health Program Study** **Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino**
FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
- SJM 10** **Report On Health Exchange Planning Grant** **Sen. Grant Linda M. Lopez**
REQUESTING THAT THE MARTINEZ ADMINISTRATION PROVIDE A FULL REPORT ON EXPENDITURES MADE AND STUDY RESULTS PURSUANT TO THE ONE-MILLION-DOLLAR (\$1,000,000) FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE PLANNING GRANT.
- SB 106** **Medical Assistance for Methadone Therapy** **Sen. Richard Martinez**
RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT TO REQUIRE THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS COVERAGE FOR METHADONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY TO TREAT OPIOID ADDICTION.
- HB 93** **Synthetic Cannabinoid as a Controlled Substance** **Rep. Eleanor Chavez**
RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES; AMENDING THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT TO DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL

SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS AND OTHER CHEMICALS AS SCHEDULE I CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

SB 120

Medical Imaging Licensure Exceptions

Sen. Howie Morales

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT TO PERMIT CERTAIN LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND STUDENTS TO PERFORM POINT-OF-CARE ULTRASOUND IMAGING PROCEDURES, TO EXEMPT CERTAIN LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATION TO MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY FUND TO THE MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY FUND; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NURSING PRACTICE ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RULEMAKING RELATING TO ULTRASOUND IMAGING EDUCATION AND STANDARDS; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RULEMAKING RELATING TO ULTRASOUND IMAGING EDUCATION AND STANDARDS; RECONCILING MULTIPLE AMENDMENTS TO THE SAME