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HOUSE BILL 26

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; REQUIRING A CLASS A COUNTY WITH A COUNTY HOSPITAL OPERATED AND MAINTAINED PURSUANT TO A LEASE OR OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH A STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION NAMED IN ARTICLE 12, SECTION 11 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO REPORT ON INDIGENT HEALTH CARE.

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

SECTION 1. ~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ INDIGENT HEALTH CARE REPORT REQUIRED OF CLASS A COUNTY.--

A. A class A county with a county hospital operated and maintained pursuant to a lease or operating agreement with a state educational institution named in Article 12, Section 11 of the constitution of New Mexico shall file an annual report on all of its indigent health care funding. The report shall contain that county's eligibility criteria for indigent

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1 patients, services provided to indigent patients, restrictions
2 on services provided to indigent patients, conditions for
3 reimbursement of providers of health care, revenue sources used
4 to pay for indigent health care and other related information
5 as determined by the legislative finance committee. The report
6 shall separately state:

7 (1) the amount of the county's contribution to
8 the operation and maintenance of its county hospital pursuant
9 to a lease or operating agreement with a state educational
10 institution named in Article 12, Section 11 of the constitution
11 of New Mexico; and

12 (2) the actual cost of indigent care services
13 with a breakdown by category of service setting.

14 B. The report required by Subsection A of this
15 section shall be submitted by October 1 of each year to the
16 human services department and to the legislative finance
17 committee on a form approved by the committee. The department
18 and the committee shall make the report available to interested
19 parties.

20 C. For purposes of this section, "indigent patient"
21 means a person to whom an ambulance service, a hospital or a
22 health care provider has provided medical care, ambulance
23 transportation or health care services and who can normally
24 support the person's self and the person's dependents on
25 present income and liquid assets available to the person but,

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1 taking into consideration the person's income, assets and
2 requirements for other necessities of life for the person and
3 the person's dependents, is unable to pay the cost of the
4 ambulance transportation or medical care administered or both;
5 provided that if a definition of "indigent patient" is adopted
6 by a county in a resolution, the definition shall not include
7 any person whose annual income together with that person's
8 spouse's annual income totals an amount that is fifty percent
9 greater than the per capita personal income for New Mexico as
10 shown for the most recent year available in the survey of
11 current business published by the United States department of
12 commerce. "Indigent patient" includes a minor who has received
13 ambulance transportation or medical care or both and whose
14 parent or the person having custody of that minor would qualify
15 as an indigent patient if transported by ambulance, admitted to
16 a hospital for care or treated by a health care provider.

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