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SENATE BILL 205

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT TO REQUIRE THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
TO ESTABLISH A MINIMUM REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR OPIOID
REPLACEMENT THERAPY TO TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER.

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] MEDICAL ASSISTANCE--OPIOID REPLACEMENT
THERAPY--MINIMUM REIMBURSEMENT RATE.--

A. The department shall ensure that a health care
provider that provides opioid replacement therapy to treat
opioid use disorder to recipients is reimbursed at a bundled
reimbursement rate, such that, for each unit of opioid
replacement therapy that the health care provider provides, at

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1 least seventeen dollars (\$17.00) is reimbursed to the health
2 care provider; provided that the reimbursement rate shall be
3 adjusted annually after July 1, 2022 for any increase from the
4 preceding year in the consumer price index for the United
5 States in the urban market for the west region.

6 B. As used in this section, "opioid replacement
7 therapy to treat opioid use disorder" means:

8 (1) the administration, procurement and
9 dispensing of methadone;

10 (2) the provision of at least one hour per
11 month of substance abuse counseling, which counseling includes,
12 where appropriate, counseling related to human immunodeficiency
13 virus risk and infection; and

14 (3) urine dipstick testing conducted within
15 the provider agency."

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