

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; ENACTING A TEMPORARY PROVISION TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO WORK WITH LUNA, GRANT AND HIDALGO COUNTIES TO CREATE A SINGLE, THREE-YEAR DEMONSTRATION PROJECT TO PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS IN OR RELEASED FROM COUNTY DETENTION CENTER CUSTODY.

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

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--DEMONSTRATION PROJECT-- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR INMATES OF COUNTY DETENTION CENTER FACILITIES.--

A. The local government division of the department of finance and administration shall enter into memoranda of understanding with Luna, Grant and Hidalgo counties to create a single, three-year demonstration project in those counties to provide behavioral health services to inmates of county detention center facilities and to individuals who have been released from county detention center custody. The project shall:

(1) provide participants that the local government division of department of finance and administration and the three counties choose and who volunteer to participate in the demonstration project with:

(a) on-site comprehensive, evidence-

based or promising-practice behavioral health services;

(b) coordination of treatment with community providers;

(c) supportive training for county detention center staff that links to community behavioral health providers;

(d) behavioral health services for individuals who have been released from county detention center custody;

(e) the following services for individuals who are scheduled to be released or who have been released from detention center custody: 1) life-skills planning and coordination; 2) life-skills classes; and 3) community case management; and

(f) a plan for continuous quality improvement of the services provided pursuant to the demonstration project; and

(2) record progress pursuant to benchmark measures that the local government division of the department of finance and administration and the participating counties establish, including a measure of the return on investment for the demonstration project.

B. In accordance with rules that the secretary of finance and administration shall adopt and promulgate, the demonstration project shall measure its progress in reaching

the following goals:

- (1) decreasing recidivism in Luna, Grant and Hidalgo counties;
- (2) increasing inmates' success upon return to the community;
- (3) decreasing detention center costs for behavioral health and substance abuse treatment services; and
- (4) increasing public safety.

C. The local government division of the department of the finance and administration shall record as baseline data relating to state fiscal year 2013 the following data averaged among the Grant, Luna and Hidalgo detention centers:

- (1) inmate average cost per day;
- (2) the cost per month for pharmaceuticals;
- (3) monthly behavioral health transports, including emergency room and behavioral health service providers;
- (4) an average per month of the time staff spends related to offsite behavioral health and physical health services visits;
- (5) the average number of county inmate hospital admissions related to behavioral health matters; and
- (6) the average monthly recidivism rate.

D. By November 1, 2015 and by November 1, 2016 and 2017, the director of local government division of the

department of finance and administration shall report the data
required pursuant to this act to the legislative health and
human services committee and the legislative finance
committee. _____

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