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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; AMENDING DEFINITIONS IN THE HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 24-14A-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989, Chapter 29, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"24-14A-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Health Information System Act:

- "aggregate data" means data that are obtained by combining like data elements in a manner that precludes specific identification of a single client [or provider];
- "data source" or "data provider" means a person that possesses health information, including any public or private sector licensed health care practitioner, primary care clinic, ambulatory surgery center, ambulatory urgent care

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center, ambulatory dialysis unit, home health agency, long-term care facility, hospital, pharmacy, third-party payer and any public entity that has health information;

- C. "department" means the department of health;
- D. "health information" or "health data" means any data relating to health care; health status, including environmental, social and economic factors; the health system; or health costs and financing;
- E. "hospital" means any general or special hospital licensed by the department, whether publicly or privately owned;
- F. "long-term care facility" means any skilled nursing facility or nursing facility licensed by the department, whether publicly or privately owned;
- G. "record-level data" means a medical record that contains unique and nonaggregated data elements that relate to a single identifiable individual [provider or hospital]; and
- H. "third-party payer" means any public or private payer of health care services and includes health maintenance organizations and health insurers."