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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; UPDATING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF LAW TO INCLUDE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE, A CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIFE OR A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WORKING WITHIN THAT PERSON'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE; EXPANDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE UNIFORM HEALTH-CARE DECISIONS ACT TO INCLUDE NON-PHYSICIAN PRIMARY CARE PRACTITIONERS; REQUIRING STATE AGENCIES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO UPDATE THEIR RULES TO INCLUDE THESE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS WHERE APPROPRIATE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7-2-18.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981, Chapter 170, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-2-18.1. CREDIT FOR EXPENSES FOR DEPENDENT CHILD DAY CARE NECESSARY TO ENABLE GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT TO PREVENT INDIGENCY.--

A. As used in this section:

(1) "caregiver" means a corporation or an individual eighteen years of age or over who receives compensation from a resident for providing direct care, supervision and guidance to a qualifying dependent of the resident for less than twenty-four hours daily and includes related individuals of the resident but does not include a dependent of the resident;

(2) "cost of maintaining a household" means the expenses incurred for the mutual benefit of the occupants thereof by reason of its operation as the principal place of