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1ST SESSION

S. 972

To designate the Albuquerque Indian Health Center as a critical access facility and to provide funds for that Center.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 28, 2005

Mr. BINGAMAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Albuquerque Indian
5 Health Center Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. CRITICAL ACCESS FACILITY FUNDING.**

7 (a) DEFINITION OF CRITICAL ACCESS FACILITY.—

8 In this section, the term “critical access facility” means
9 a comprehensive ambulatory care center that provides

1 services on a regional basis to Native Americans in Albu-
2 querque, New Mexico, and surrounding areas.

3 (b) DESIGNATION.—The Albuquerque Indian Health
4 Center (also known as the “Albuquerque Indian Hos-
5 pital”) is designated as a critical access facility.

6 (c) OPERATIONS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
8 Human Services, acting through the Indian Health
9 Service, shall provide funds made available under
10 subsection (d) to the Albuquerque Indian Health
11 Center to carry out the operations of that Health
12 Center.

13 (2) SELF-DETERMINATION CONTRACTS.—The
14 funds transferred under paragraph (1) shall not be
15 distributed to any Indian tribe under section 102 of
16 the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assist-
17 ance Act (25 U.S.C. 450f).

18 (d) FUNDING.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—On October 1, 2005, out of
20 any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
21 priated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer
22 to the Secretary of Health and Human Services to
23 carry out this section \$8,000,000, to remain avail-
24 able until expended.

1 (2) RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE.—The Sec-
2 retary shall be entitled to receive, shall accept, and
3 shall use to carry out this section the funds trans-
4 ferred under paragraph (1), without further appro-
5 priation.

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