It’s a New Day for Health Care in New Mexico!

Medicaid Expansion & More

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Need Health Insurance?

Medicaid Expansion is coming!

The new Marketplace, too!
Affordable Care Act (ACA) signed into law in 2010.

Most parts go into effect January 1, 2014.
Coverage changes after 2014

- Job-Based Coverage
- Medicaid
- Marketplace
1 in 5 New Mexicans don’t have health insurance
4 out of 5 people who will be able to get Medicaid don’t know about it.
What do you think?

• Why do you think so many New Mexicans are uninsured?

• Why is coverage important?
  o Why not use charity care and community clinics?
Who Gets Medicaid Now?

- Children
- Some Parents
- Pregnant Women
- People with Disabilities
- Seniors

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Who is missing?

Many low-income adults.
What Ages can Apply?

From age 19 . . .

. . . to age 64.
You Must be a NM resident
Your Household Income is LESS than:

- $3,172 / month ($38,047 / year)
- $1,323 / month ($15,856 / year)
- $2,247 / month ($26,951 / year)
Getting Ready to Apply
How will I apply?

- Online
- Phone
- Fax
- Mail
- In-person
What documents do I need?

They should be able to pull your information from the computer.

But....
What if they need more documents?

You **MAY** need documents that show your:

1. Citizenship
2. Identity
3. Monthly income
4. Where you live
5. Immigrant status
Make copies!

- Keep a file safe at home
- Only give the office copies
Sometime between October 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014.

When can I apply?
Where can I sign up for Medicaid?

Find out where your local ISD Office is located:
Call toll-free 1-888-997-2583

On-line:
www.yes.nm.state.us
Where can I sign up for Medicaid?

- Youth Development, Inc. (YDI)
- Community health clinics
- Hospitals
- Income Support Division (ISD) offices

www.yes.state.nm.us
Q: How Soon do I find out about my Application?

A: Usually within 45 days.
What if there are problems?
The You Are Not Alone Team—We’re here to help you!

NM center on law and poverty

Southwest Women’s Law Center

Health Action New Mexico
CELEBRATE when your application is accepted.

And let us know!
Once You Are Enrolled, What Happens Next?

Choose a Managed Care Organization (MCO)
What is an MCO?

MCOs are companies that:
- Offer health plans
- Have a network of care providers
  - Doctors, nurses, clinics, pharmacy services, & others.
Four choices in NM:

- BlueCross BlueShield of New Mexico
- Presbyterian
- UnitedHealthcare
- Molina Healthcare
How do I Choose Wisely?

Compare the plans… what is most important to you?

• Do they cover your favorite doctor?
• What about your favorite clinic or hospital?
What if I don’t qualify for Medicaid?

DON’T GIVE UP!
Help for undocumented immigrants

• Emergency medical services: ask the hospital about EMSA
  o This includes labor & delivery for pregnant women
  o Patients must meet all other requirements for Medicaid, EXCEPT for immigration status

• Patient visits: clinics like Casa de Salud for people left out of the healthcare system

• If you are applying for a child or other family member, but NOT for yourself, you do not need to provide your own immigration status, social security number or other identifier.
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Start Enrolling Now
Call: 1-855-99NMHIX

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Apples to Apples Comparison

- Plain language
- What services are covered
- Doctors & clinics you can use
- Cost calculator

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Who will get financial help?

Your Household Income is LESS than:

$110,280 / year

$78,120 / year

$45,960 / year

Data from the NM Center on Law & Poverty
No wrong door
Questions?
How Can You Help?

Share this info!

- With your family
- With your community
We are called to act with justice.

We are called to serve one another.
The You Are Not Alone Team

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