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Primary Care Important for Rural New Mexico

(Human Services Secretary participates in “Primary Care Day” at the Roundhouse)

Santa Fe, February 4, 2003 –Wednesday, February 5th, is “Primary Care Day” in New Mexico, and with much of the state submerged in rural areas, it is good to know that more and more Community Primary Care Clinics are opening up across the state. “Statistics show people who see a primary care doctor on a regular basis have less need for emergency care,” said Human Services Secretary Pamela S. Hyde and went on to add “staying healthier saves taxpayers money.”

With over 135 sites in 31 counties in New Mexico, primary care clinics treat more than 250,000 patients each year. Twenty-eight percent of those patients are Medicaid eligible clients, and thirty-two percent children. “With *Access, Quality* and *Accountability* goals of The Human Services Department Primary Care Clinics are key services in keeping New Mexicans Healthy”, Hyde said.

Join Secretary Hyde, along with New Mexico Primary Care Association for a Press Conference on “Primary Care Day” at the Roundhouse Rotunda, February 5th, 11am.

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