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The Health & Human Services Secretaries' Health Care Meetings Continue (Last HHS Meeting in Albuquerque)

Santa Fe, July 17, 2003 – The secretaries of the Health and Human Services departments will hold their 20th health care initiatives public meeting on Saturday, July 19 at Albuquerque's TVI Work Force Development Center (5600 Eagle Rock Road N.E.), from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

As at most other meetings, this one too will focus on four health care topics: a statewide comprehensive health care plan, behavioral health for children, long-term care for seniors and individuals with disabilities and Medicaid redesign. Input from the public, health care providers and advocates will help the Richardson Administration build options for improving the access to and the delivery of health care to thousands of New Mexicans.

Health and Human Secretaries Pamela Hyde, Human Services Dept; Patricia Montoya, Dept. of Health; Mary-Dale Bolson, Children, Youth & Families Dept. and Michelle Lujan-Grisham, Secretary-designate for the Aging and Long-term Care Department have attended most of these meetings, in which over one thousand people so far have participated and provided input.

The final scheduled public meeting will be an evening event in Santa Fe, on August 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Santa Fe Community College. At a date to be determined later, the Health and Human Services Secretaries will present their findings and recommendations.

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