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**The Human Services Department, the Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative and Presbyterian Health Care to Hold Public Meeting to Discuss Behavioral Health Pharmacy Changes**

*Santa Fe, December 3, 2004* – Human Services Department Secretary Pamela Hyde, along with representatives of the New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative (Collaborative) and Presbyterian Health Care, the preferred drug list administrator (PDLA), will brief the public and take questions about pharmacy benefits managed within the Medicaid program. “A number of changes have been implemented as a requirement of legislation passed in 2003. We want to make sure questions raised about how these changes will affect consumers and providers are answered,” said Hyde

As part of the ongoing public input process about behavioral health issues in New Mexico, HSD, Collaborative representatives and Presbyterian will be available to answer questions and explain how these changes will impact access to behavioral health medications in the future. Input about future changes will also be sought.

**The public meeting will be held December 17, 2004 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the TVI Main Campus, Smith Brasher Hall, Room 100, 717 University SE in Albuquerque.**

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