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PB&J Family Services Inc. to be Awarded a New Passenger Van and a New Partnership With The Human Services Department

Santa Fe, July 30, 2004 – An Albuquerque area school-based health center program is receiving a new passenger van from Ford. The Ford Motor Company's *Salud Sobre Ruedas* (Health on Wheels) program has chosen PB&J Family Services, Inc. for its efforts in serving large Hispanic populations. It is just one of six non-profit organizations in the country being awarded a Ford E Series, 15 passenger van.

State Medicaid Director Carolyn Ingram said, "As the new school year begins, we not only congratulate PB&J for earning a brand new passenger van, we are also happy to announce that PB&J, Taos municipal schools and Shiprock schools are all joining the Medicaid Salud! School-based Health Center (SBHC) program in bringing more health care services to more children beginning this school year." PB&J is also the first SBHC to offer services to preschoolers.

All three organizations will join Medicaid SALUD!'s SBHC program, "*SALUD! Comes to Your School.*" The program links school-based health centers across the state with the three Medicaid managed care organizations: Presbyterian Salud!, Lovelace Community Health Plan and Molina Health, formerly known as Cimarron Health Plan, who are currently providing a full range of health care services to 276,000 of the state's 420,000 Medicaid recipients, most of whom are children.

The goals of the Medicaid Salud! SBHC project are to explore best practices for collaboration; increase access to care for children and adolescents enrolled in the Medicaid managed care (or *SALUD!*) program; strengthen comprehensive and preventive care; promote the integration of systems, particularly for primary and behavioral health care and improve the overall health of the students that are served in the participating SBHCs.

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“We are proud to announce that our Medicaid SBHC program has gained national attention, particularly in the detection and treatment of asthma, depression, and obesity/type-2 diabetes,” said Ingram. “It is also recognized for delivering more health screens to hard-to-reach adolescents by modifying routine sports physicals in SBHCs to include all of the components of a full wellness check.”

While the “Salud! Comes to Your School” program is intended to serve Medicaid participants, no student will be turned away from health care services. Every student who enters the SBHC for care, regardless of the type of health program they are or are not on, will get the care they need.

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The Ford Motor Company will present PB&J Family Services Inc. with the passenger van on Tuesday, August 3 at 10:30 a.m. They are located at 1101 Lopez Rd. SW.