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## **Health Coverage for New Mexicans Committee to Select Health Coverage Models for Analysis**

**Analyzing Models Part of Governor Bill Richardson's Five-Point Plan to  
Close the Uninsured Gap in New Mexico**

***Santa Fe, New Mexico, October 16, 2006*** – The Health Coverage for New Mexicans Committee (Committee) will meet Thursday, October 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the State Capitol in Santa Fe, room 307.

The Committee will select for analysis three to five different health coverage models that will close the uninsured gap in New Mexico. A financial analysis of the models chosen will be conducted by national expert(s). "The Committee has studied dozens of health care models and model components over the past few months," said Lieutenant Governor Diane D. Denish, chair of the Committee. "We will narrow it down to models we would like analyzed in order to move forward with a comprehensive health care solution for all New Mexicans."

The 27-member Committee, appointed by the Governor and the Legislature, is responsible for issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) and selecting a national expert(s) to analyze the different health coverage models, and will then make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature for next steps during the 2008 regular legislative session.

The RFP has already been released for potential bidders interested in analyzing the models chosen. The RFP can be found on the main page of the New Mexico State Legislature website at [www.legis.state.nm.us](http://www.legis.state.nm.us).

A Pre-proposal Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in room 103 of the Central New Mexico Community College Workforce Training Center at 5600 Eagle Rock Ave NE in Albuquerque. This conference is an opportunity for potential bidders to come and ask questions regarding the RFP.

The Committee is scheduled to select a vendor during its last meeting of the year, which is scheduled for November 30, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in room 322 at the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

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