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Health Coverage Enrollment Fairs in Aztec and Farmington

Plans Available for New Mexico Children, Adults and Small Employers

Santa Fe, October 31, 2007 – As part of the New Mexico Human Services Department's (HSD) aggressive outreach campaign to enroll more New Mexicans in a health coverage plan, the HSD is holding enrollment fairs in Aztec on Friday, November 9 and Farmington on Saturday, November 17.

Through the *Insure New Mexico!* and New Mexikids programs, there are no-cost and low-cost options for New Mexico's children, adults, pregnant women and small employers. "There are affordable options available for every New Mexico child up to age 12, and up to 18 with a sibling under 12, uninsured low-income adults ages 19 to 64, pregnant women, and small employers with 50 or fewer eligible employees," said Carolyn Ingram, Director of the HSD Medical Assistance Division. "We encourage the citizens in Artesia, Clovis and Portales to come by and learn more about what's available for them, their families and their employees."

The Insure New Mexico! and New Mexikids Programs include:

- State Coverage Insurance (SCI) Covers uninsured adults ages 19-64 with a total countable family income up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). SCI is a public/private partnership where the employer pays a portion (\$0 to \$75) of the monthly premium, the employee pays a portion (\$0 to \$35) of the monthly premium, and the state and federal government pays the remainder. SCI is available for small employers with 50 or fewer eligible employees, or self-employed individuals. Individual applicants pay between \$0 and \$110 per month based on income. The state assists with the premium payment for individuals making less than 100 percent of the federal poverty level.
- ➤ New Mexikids Covers children through 18 years of age with household incomes up to 235 percent of the FPL. Some earned income and child care costs are disregarded for children ages 0 5 to allow more children to qualify. Health care services are provided at no cost for children in households with income below 185 percent of the FPL. Children in households with income between 185 and 235 percent of the FPL may be required to make small co-payments for some services.
- ➤ Premium Assistance for Kids (PAK) Covers children ages 0 to 12 or up to 18 years old if part of a sibling group with a child under age 12 who are ineligible for the New Mexikids program due to income. The state assists with 50 percent of the costs of the premium. Premiums range from \$70 to \$180 per month.
- ➤ Premium Assistance for Maternity (PAM) Covers pregnancy-related services for women who are ineligible for Medicaid maternity services due to income. The patient pays a one-time premium fee per pregnancy depending on the trimester in which she enrolls. Enrollment cost during the first 20 weeks of pregnancy is \$150. Enrollment cost during the second 20 weeks of pregnancy is \$300.

The enrollment fairs are being held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the following locations.

> Friday, November 9 at the Aztec LDS Church, 505 North Oliver in Aztec.

Saturday, November 17 at the San Juan Catholic Charities, 119 Broadway in Farmington.

Eligibility workers will be on site at each of the enrollment fairs ready to enroll eligible New Mexicans in one of the state's health coverage programs for those who bring the proper documents, which include:

- > Proof of child's identity and citizenship for the individual applying,
 - Social security number,
 - Original birth certificate,
- Proof of family's past 4 weeks of income, and
- Proof of other health insurance you may have.

FEDERAL MONTHLY GUIDELINES Effective April 1, 2007 thru March 31, 2008 Percent of Poverty Family Size 130% 150% 155% 85% 100% 133% 135% 165% 185% 200% 235% 250% 300% 1,107.00 1.132.00 1.149.00 1.277.00 1,320,00 1,405.00 1.702.00 2.000.00 2.553.00 724.00 851.00 1.575.00 2.128.00 2 970.00 1,141.00 1,484.00 1,518.00 1,541.00 1,712.00 1,769.00 1,883.00 2,111.00 2,282.00 2,682.00 2,853.00 3,423.00 2,219.00 4,293.00 3 1,217.00 1,431.00 1,861.00 1,904.00 1,932.00 2,147.00 2,362.00 2,648.00 2,862.00 3,363.00 3,578.00 2,582.00 2,668.00 1,721.00 2,238.00 2,289.00 2,324.00 2,840.00 3,184.00 3,442.00 4,045.00 4,303.00 4 1,463.00 5,163.00 5 1,710.00 2,011.00 2,615.00 2,675.00 2,715.00 3,017.00 3,118.00 3,319.00 3,721.00 4,022.00 4,726.00 5,028.00 6.033.00 6 1,956.00 2,301.00 2,992.00 3,061.00 3,107.00 3,452.00 3,567.00 3,797.00 4,257.00 4,602.00 5,408.00 5,753.00 6.903.00 2,203.00 2,591.00 3,369.00 3,446.00 3,498.00 3,887.00 4,017.00 4,275.00 4,794.00 5,182.00 6,089.00 6,478.00 7,773.00 8 2,449.00 2,881.00 3,746.00 3,832.00 3,890.00 4,322.00 4,466.00 4,754.00 5,330.00 5,762.00 6,771.00 7,203.00 8,643.00 Insure New Mexico! Health Care Coverage Guidelines 100%: Mandatory Coverage for Children age 6 to 18

133%: Mandatory Coverage for Children age 0 to 5

185%: Children's Medicaid, Pregnant Women, Family Planning

200%: State Coverage Insurance (SCI)

235%: State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)

250%: Working Disabled Individuals Program (WDI)

300%: Insitutional Care



For more information about these or any other Insure New Mexico! solutions, please call 1-888-997-2583.

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