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Human Services Department Reaches out to New Mexico Grandparents Raising Their Grandchildren

Santa Fe, May 11, 2007 – The New Mexico Human Services Department is partnering with the City of Santa Fe honoring *Older Americans Month* on Tuesday, May 15, during a Health and Benefits Fair at the Santa Fe County Extension Building, 3229 Rodeo Road from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. “There are thousands of grandparents who are raising their grandchildren in New Mexico, and the Human Services Department (HSD) wants them to know about the benefits of the New Mexikids and other *Insure New Mexico!* solutions available to them,” said Pamela Hyde, HSD Secretary.

“With the New Mexikids and Premium Assistance for Kids (PAK) programs every New Mexico child up to age 12 has access to health care coverage,” said Hyde. “There is a plan for every family depending on their income at either low or no cost at all.”

Children in families with incomes up to 235% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) will likely qualify for a New Mexikids program, which covers kids up to age 19. Children in families with income above 235% will qualify for PAK, which covers children up to age 12 and up to age 19 with a sibling aged 12 or younger.

Below is a breakdown of what families can earn, by family size to qualify for the New Mexikids program, which has 275,000 children enrolled statewide.

Family Size	Monthly Income		
2	\$2,682	5	\$4,726
3	\$3,363	6	\$5,408
4	\$4,045	7	\$6,089
		8	\$6,771

Also during the health fair, information will be available for the mothers with young children about both the New Mexikids and PAK programs as well as the Premium Assistance for Maternity (PAM) program. The PAM program covers only pregnancy-related services for those women who do not qualify for Medicaid due to income, which is also at 235% FPL. The patient pays a one-time premium fee per pregnancy depending on the trimester in which she enrolls. For example, if the client enrolls during the first 20 weeks of pregnancy (months one-five) the premium is \$150. However, if the client enrolls during the second 20 weeks of pregnancy (months six-nine), the premium is \$300.

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

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