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School Health Fair to Enroll Children in New Mexikids and Premium Assistance for Kids Programs

Every uninsured New Mexico child up age 12 now has access to affordable health insurance.

Santa Fe, May 9, 2007 – The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) is partnering with Albuquerque’s MacArthur Elementary School, 1100 McArthur Rd. NW, on Saturday, May 12, to enroll uninsured children into a health insurance program.

“With the New Mexikids and Premium Assistance for Kids (PAK) programs there is no reason any child in New Mexico should go without health care coverage,” said Pamela Hyde, HSD Secretary. “We have a plan for every family depending on their income at either low or no cost at all.”

Eligibility workers will be at the MacArthur Elementary Health Fair from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to enroll children. “There are thousands of children who qualify for free or low cost health care and I hope families living near MacArthur Elementary take time on Saturday to see how easy it is to get their children enrolled in one of our great health care programs,” said Hyde.

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.

To enroll, parents should bring:

- Proof of child’s identity and citizenship,
 - Child’s social security number,
 - Child’s original birth certificate,
- Proof of family’s past 4 weeks of income, and
- Proof of other health insurance you may have.

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

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