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## Governor Bill Richardson Announces Human Services Department Secretary Pamela Hyde Awarded for Outstanding Public Service

Recognition for Service in the Advancement of Public Health

**SANTA FE**– Governor Bill Richardson today congratulated New Mexico Human Services Department Secretary Pamela Hyde for receiving the American Medical Association's 2009 Dr. Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service. Secretary Hyde was recognized as the Outstanding Career Public Servant at the State Level.

Governor Bill Richardson submitted Secretary Hyde as a nominee for the Award for her hard work and dedication to improving health care coverage for all New Mexicans.

"Secretary Hyde has spent much of the past six years diligently working with legislators, advocates, and the public to come up with solutions for all New Mexicans to get the health care coverage they need. While many solutions have been implemented, others have stalled, but that does not stop Secretary Hyde from continuing on her quest," said Governor Richardson. "I applaud her for her hard work and national recognition."

The award, established by the American Medical Association to honor local, state and federal career and elected government officials, is one of the most prestigious forms of recognition for outstanding public service in the advancement of public health.

"The caliber of our nominees was truly inspiring and your selection from such an impressive group certainly speaks volumes in recognizing the dedication and diligence of your public service," said David D. Mave, MD MBA, Executive Vice President, CEO of the AMA.

The Officers of the AMA will present the award to Secretary Hyde during their annual gala banquet in Washington D.C. in March.

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