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New Mexico Receives Federal Approval for Innovative Coordination Of Long-Term Services Program

**Program Coordinates Services for Thousands Medicaid Clients Beginning this
Month**

Santa Fe, New Mexico – The New Mexico Human Services Department has received federal approval for the brand new, Coordination of Long-Term Services Program that will serve an estimated 38,000 Medicaid recipients statewide.

The Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved two waivers submitted by the New Mexico Medicaid program that allows the state to better coordinate acute and long-term services for Medicaid clients.

“We are pleased with the federal approval of this new program, which will coordinate physical, acute, behavioral, dental, vision and long-term services for New Mexico’s most vulnerable citizens,” said Pamela Hyde, Human Services Department Secretary.

The Coordination of Long-Term Services program is a joint initiative of the New Mexico Human Services Department and Aging and Long-Term Services Department, who will administer the program. Medicaid clients who currently receive these services separately will now with a managed-care organization, AMERIGROUP Community Care of NM or Evercare of NM.

“The program is designed to increase the emphasis on home and community-based services allowing people to live in their communities and decrease the dependency on nursing homes,” said Cindy Padilla, Aging and Long-Term Services Department Secretary.

The program is being phased in across the state. Last month people living in Bernalillo, Sandoval, Tarrant, Valencia, Santa Fe, and Los Alamos Counties began enrolling in the new Coordination of Long-Term Services program and began receiving services August 1. The program will be implemented in other counties over the next 11 months.

Enrollees will consist of several groups of people:

- Those currently enrolled in New Mexico's Disabled and Elderly (D&E) waiver program;
- Adults receiving personal care services from the Medicaid Personal Care Option (PCO) program;
- Residents of nursing facilities;
- Individuals who are fully eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid, but who have not yet accessed the system of long-term services in the state; and
- Certain qualified individuals with brain injuries.

More information about the Coordination of Long-Term Services Program is available at the Aging and Long-Term Services Department website at www.nmaging.state.nm.us or by calling the Aging and Long-Term Services Department toll free at 1-800-432-2080 or the Human Services Department at 1-888-997-2583.

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