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Human Services Department Reaches Out to Working Disabled Individuals this Weekend at Health Fair

Santa Fe, New Mexico – The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) again this year is proud to send representatives to the Eyewitness News 4 Health Fair to help people learn more about a special program called the Working Disabled Individual (WDI) program.

The health fair is tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Expo New Mexico's Manuel Lujan Exhibit Hall (300 San Pedro NE) in Albuquerque.

"The WDI Program began in New Mexico eight years ago and is now providing health insurance to 1,600 people who might not otherwise be able to afford insurance," said Carolyn Ingram, State Medicaid Director. "Sending staff to health fairs like this allows people to learn about this small, but vital Medicaid program, which helps so many people continue to be active participants in the community through work."

The WDI Program allows many people with disabilities to continue working while they are receiving healthcare through Medicaid. It also provides Medicaid healthcare to individuals approved for Social Security Disability Insurance, but who are waiting the mandatory two-year period for Medicare health care coverage to begin. This is known as the "Medigap."

For more information about the WDI program please visit <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/workingdisabled.html>.

For information about other publicly-funded health care programs available through the Human Services Department's Medical Assistance Division, call the *Insure New Mexico!* Solutions Center at 1-888-997-2583 or visit <http://www.insurenwemexico.state.nm.us/default.aspx>

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