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New Mexico Office of Health Care Reform and Leadership Team Re-Releasing Two Requests for Applications

**Data Collection and Analysis of New Mexico's Spanish-only and Young Adults
Populations Needed in Preparation for Health Care Reform**

Santa Fe – The New Mexico Office of Health Care Reform (HCR) and HCR Leadership Team is re-releasing two of the nine Requests for Applications (RFAs) totaling \$40,000 to assist in gathering data and analysis of New Mexico's health care needs as the state prepares implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The two RFAs are for the following populations:

1. Spanish-only speaking and individuals who are not eligible for health care services due to citizenship but whose children are
2. Young adults and those individuals who are marginally employed

“We are looking for proposals from organizations with both experience and direct work with the Spanish-only speaking and young adults populations, who also have significant knowledge of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act,” said Katie Falls, Human Services Department Secretary and chair of the HCR Leadership Team.

The funding for the contracts comes from the \$1 million federal Health Insurance Exchange Planning Grant New Mexico received in September 2010 from the U.S. Health and Human Services Department.

The RFA's have a proposed funding amount of \$20,000 each and are due back to the State no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 20, 2010. The scopes of work for the two RFAs are posted on the Human Services Department's website at <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/nhcr/nhcrlo.htm> under the “leadership team” tab.

About the Health Care Reform Leadership Team and Office of Health Care Reform

The Health Care Reform Leadership Team was put together by Executive Order in April 2010 to develop a strategic plan and recommendations to prepare New Mexico for implementation of the Affordable Care Act. It is chaired by the Human Services Department Secretary Katie Falls. Other members include the Secretaries of: the Department of Health, Department of Workforce Solutions, Taxation and Revenue, Information Technology, Children, Youth and Families, Aging and Long Term Services, Indian Affairs, Finance and Administration, Public Education, Higher Education, Director of the Risk Management Division of the General Services Department, the Superintendent of the Public Regulation Commission, Division of Insurance, the Behavioral Health Collaborative CEO, the Director of the Workers' Compensation Administration, Director of the Women's Health Advisory Council, and a representative from the Governor's office.

The Office of Health Care Reform was put together by Executive Order in August 2010 to lead the executive branch and collaborative with the HCR Leadership Team in establishing policies, priorities, and objectives for state government's comprehensive effort in reaching the state's goals for implementation. It is housed with the Human Services Department.

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