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## **New Mexico Health Care Reform Leadership Team Schedules First Meeting in Santa Fe May 20, 2010**

*Santa Fe* – Governor Bill Richardson’s Health Care Reform Leadership Team will hold its first meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Santa Fe at the Human Services Department’s office located at 37 Plaza la Prensa (near Cerrillos and the Frontage Road).

Last month the Governor issued an Executive Order establishing the New Mexico Health Care Reform Leadership Team for implementation of National Health Care Reform. The Executive Order calls for the Leadership Team to develop a strategic plan, coordinate across state agencies, and compile recommendations for the Governor’s consideration by July 1, 2010.

Human Services Department Secretary Katie Falls has been appointed the chair of the Leadership Team. Other members include the Secretaries of the Departments of Health; Workforce Solutions; Taxation and Revenue; Information Technology; Children, Youth and Families; Aging and Long Term Services; Indian Affairs; the Superintendent of Insurance, Public Regulation Commission, Division of Insurance; the Behavioral Health Collaborative CEO; and a representative from the Governor’s office.

The agenda items for the May 20, 2010 meeting include:

- Summary of Patient Protection and Affordability Care Act (H.R. 3590 P.L. 111-148)
  - Review of major provisions
  - Funding opportunities
  - State Timelines
- Status of Federal Temporary High Risk Pool Program
  - Letter to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
  - Status of application
- Layout of Decision Making Steps
  - Review of items and process
- Strategic Plan
  - Develop process to complete by July
  - Stakeholder/Public input

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