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## **NM Human Services Department Announces More Than \$1 Million in Program Savings through National Data Match**

**More than 500 Public Assistance Cases Closed**

*Santa Fe, New Mexico* – The NM Human Services Department (HSD) announces the results of 2010 first quarter report of the Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) national data match. The report shows more than \$1 million in cost savings by closing 528 cases in New Mexico where the clients are now living in another state.

“We are pleased with the results of this first statewide national data match, and look forward to further cost savings as the program continues,” said Katie Falls, HSD Secretary. “This system is designed to ensure people continue to receive the assistance they need through the appropriate state they are living in.”

The 2010 first quarter report is the first statewide PARIS matching of nationwide data. The HSD’s Office of Inspector General (OIG) began the PARIS matching program last year as a pilot program through a handful of County Income Support Division (ISD) Offices. The total savings to date, including the pilot project matches are \$1.62 million from 736 cases being closed. Cases include the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Medicaid program.

“We are estimating an annual cost savings to New Mexico to be approximately \$3.7 million, and are on track with the matches we have made so far,” said Randy Scott, HSD Inspector General. “However we do recognize that that the number of cases matched with other states should begin to decrease and even out for an average number of matches each quarter.

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