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## **NM Human Services Department Seeks Medicaid Provider Participation for Medicaid Redesign**

### **Applications for Practitioners and Administrators in the Health Care Delivery Workgroup Now Being Accepted**

*Santa Fe* – Human Services Department Secretary Katie Falls is seeking Medicaid providers who are interested in participating in the health care delivery workgroup to give input to the department on the redesign of the Medicaid program with a focus of maintaining excellent health outcomes during a period of significant cost containment.

“As the department struggles with making critical budget decisions in the Medicaid program, it is important that we hear from those who are delivering the services to the more than 500,000 New Mexicans to determine the impact of changes to benefits, services, provider rates and delivery systems of care,” said Secretary Falls. “The health care delivery workgroup will add to the advocate and tribal workgroups that are already providing important input to the department.”

Membership and participation in the health care delivery workgroup will consist of two primary categories.

- **Practitioners** that deliver health care to Medicaid populations, e.g. children and adolescents, low-income families, the aging and elderly, individuals with behavioral health needs, individuals with language barriers, adults and children with disabilities, individuals with chronic health conditions, minorities, native Americans, rural communities, women, and individuals who are homeless.
- **Administrators** who lead organizations that deliver or arrange health care to these same populations.

The groups will be convening three to six times during 2010 and there is a desire to maintain consistency of participants in this process, so those who submit applications should be willing to commit to being active participants. The first meeting will likely take place during the first or second week of August. Deadline to submit application is Monday, July 26, 2010.

Applications to participate in the Health Care Delivery Work Group are posted on the HSD website at [www.hsd.state.nm.us](http://www.hsd.state.nm.us) under “what’s news at HSD”.

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