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NM Human Services Department Chooses Finalist for Medicaid Redesign Project

Santa Fe, New Mexico – On Monday May 9, 2011, the New Mexico Human Services Department chose Alicia Smith & Associates as the winner of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to make recommendations regarding reform of the New Mexico Medicaid Program to ensure its long-term sustainability. The program serves more than one quarter of New Mexico's population.

The Department is moving forward with the award and contract negotiations with Alicia Smith & Associates. HSD hopes to complete the contract negotiations process by the end of May.

"We look forward to engaging in an important discussion with stakeholders throughout New Mexico about ways to ensure that Medicaid continues to serve the most vulnerable among us for years to come," remarked HSD Secretary Sidonie Squier. "As exhibited by the Governor's decision to increase Medicaid funding by \$10 million in her executive budget, we take seriously the charge of providing basic health care services to those most in need in our State."

The contract negotiations are a continuation of the procurement and selection process. More detailed information can be made available upon the award of the contract.

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