

**Governor Richardson Continues Efforts to Improve Health Care for New  
Mexicans,  
Names Appointees to Health Care Task Force**

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SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson today announced his appointments to the Governor's Health Care Coverage and Access Task Force. "Ensuring that affordable health care is available to all New Mexicans is a key goal of my administration," said Governor Richardson. "The Task Force will help us make this a reality."

The Task Force is being led by Human Services Department Secretary Pamela Hyde and Department of Health Secretary Patricia Montoya and co-chaired by Mr. James Hinton, President/CEO of Presbyterian Health Services, and Ms. Ellen Leitzer, founder and co-director of the Senior citizens Law Office, Inc. and Vice President and founder of Health Action New Mexico. Other members include health care providers, business leaders, advocates, legislators, insurers and consumers. "We have a lot to accomplish before we report back to the Governor October 1<sup>st</sup>," said Secretary Hyde.

Many of the people who have been participating in the Uninsured Stakeholder Group meetings have been appointed to the Task Force. That group reviewed and discussed a report, *A Proposed Health Care Agenda for New Mexico*, created using ideas from their meetings and input from public meetings throughout the state. "There's a lot of work that's already done," said Secretary Montoya. "We'll incorporate those efforts into the process of the task force to help draw conclusions and find workable solutions."

"The Task Force will play a key role in listening to the concerns of New Mexicans, identifying strategies, and crafting legislation," said Governor Richardson.

The Task Force will meet for three full days before the governor's reporting deadline of October 1<sup>st</sup>. The first meeting is scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup>, the second August 28<sup>th</sup> and the third September 25<sup>th</sup>, all at the Albuquerque Convention Center.

**Health Care Task Force Members:**

	<b>S/C</b>		<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
1.		Ms.	Gayle	Adams	Lovelace Health Systems
2.		Mr.	Dale	Anderson	Aztec Media
3.	<b>S/C</b>	Senator	Manny	Aragon	State Legislator (D-Bernalillo & Valencia, 14)
4.		Ms.	Polly	Arango	Family Voices
5.	<b>S/C</b>	Ms.	Loretta	Armenta	Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce
6.		Ms.	Pat	Bartels	New Mexico Physical Therapy Association
7.	<b>S/C</b>	Senator	Sue Wilson	Beffort	State Legislator (R-Bernalillo, Santa Fe, & Torrance, 19)
8.	<b>S/C</b>	Dr.	Kathleen	Blake	President-elect, NM Medical Society
9.	<b>S/C</b>	Mr.	Walt	Bolic	Economic Forum - Chair of the Economic Forum's Health Care Committee CEO Delta Dental
10.	<b>S/C</b>	Mrs.	Maureen	Boshier	NM Hospital & Health Systems Association
11.		Ms.	Harriett	Brandstetter	La Clinica de Familia
12.		Dr.	George	Bunch	NM Pediatric Society
13.		Dr.	David	Canzone	David Canzone, L.L.C.
14.		Mr.	John	Carey	Association of Commerce & Industry (President)
15.		Mr.	Gerald	Carson	Long term care insurance specialist
16.	<b>S/C</b>	Ms.	Teri	Cole	Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce
17.		Mr.	Bob	DeFelice	First Choice Community Health Center
18.		Dr.	William	Doggett	American Chiropractic Association
19.		Mr.	Michael	Donnelly	AARP
20.		Ms.	Christy	Edwards	NM Public School Insurance Authority
21.		Ms.	Mary	Feldblum	Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign
22.	<b>S/C</b>	Senator	Dede	Feldman	State Legislator (D-Bernalillo, 13)
23.		Ms.	Deborah	Fickling	Mental Health Association of New Mexico
24.		Mr.	Roque	Garcia	Rio Grande Behavioral Health Services
25.		Ms.	Joie	Glenn	New Mexico Assoc. for Home & Hospice Care
26.	<b>S/C</b>	Senator	Ramsay	Gorham	State Legislator (R-Bernalillo, 1)
27.		Ms.	Martha	Gorospe-Charlie	EPICS (Educating Parents of Indian Children with Special Needs)
28.	<b>S/C*</b>	Mr.	James	Hinton	Presbyterian Healthcare Services
29.	<b>S/C</b>	Ms.	Ruth	Hoffman	Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry
30.	<b>S/C</b>	Mr.	Edwardo	Holguin	National Education Association - NM

31.		Ms.	Patty	Jennings	NM Medical Insurance Pool
32.		Ms.	Gena	Jones	Albuquerque Public Schools
33.		Ms.	Sharon	Jones	Cimarron Health Plan
34.		Dr.	Norton	Kalishman	McCune Charitable Foundation
35.	<b>S/C</b>	Senator	Steve	Komadina	State Legislator (R-Bernalillo & Sandoval, 9)
36.		Mr.	Chris	Krahling	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of NM
37.		Mr.	Todd	LeCesne	UNM Medical School - Physician Assistant Program
38.	<b>S/C*</b>	Ms.	Ellen	Leitzer	Senior Citizens Law Office
39.	<b>S/C</b>	Mr.	James	Lewis	City of Albuquerque
40.	<b>S/C</b>	Mr.	Andy	Lopez	Ex. Dir. Las Clinicas del Norte
41.	<b>S/C</b>	Senator	Linda	Lopez	State Senator (D-Albuquerque, 11)
42.		Ms.	Susan	Loubet	New Mexico Women's Agenda
43.	<b>S/C</b>	Representative	James	Madalena	State Legislator (D-Bern, McKinley, Rio Arriba & Sandoval, 65)
44.		Mr.	Randy	Marshall	NM Medical Society
45.	<b>S/C</b>	Representative	Ken	Martinez	State Legislator (D-Cibola, McKinley, San Juan, 69)
46.	<b>S/C</b>	Dr.	Dan	Matthews	UNM Dept of Clinical Psychology & Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign
47.		Mr.	Steve	McKernan	University Hospital Administration
48.		Mr.	Wayne	Miller	National Association for the Mentally Ill - Chair
49.		Ms.	Kay	Monaco	New Mexico Voices for Children
50.		Mr.	Juan	Montoya	New Mexico Catholic Conference
51.	<b>S/C</b>	Mr.	Samuel O.	Montoya	NM Association of Counties/NM County Insurance Authority
52.	<b>S/C</b>	Representative	Brian	Moore	State Legislator (R-Curry, Harding, Quay, Roosevelt, S.M. & Union, 67)
53.		Mr.	Joe	Moquino	Tribal Health Care Alliance
54.		Ms.	Sigrid	Olson	Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless
55.	<b>S/C</b>	Senator	Mary Kay	Papen	State Legislator (D-Dona Ana, 38)
56.		Ms.	Lauren	Reichelt	Rio Arriba Family Care Network
57.		Ms.	Cynthia	Reinhart	Chair, Health Policy Committee, Alb. COC
58.		Mr.	Anslem	Roanhorse	Navajo Nation - Division of Health
59.		Ms.	Carolyn	Roberts	New Mexico Nurses Association
60.		Mr.	David	Roddy	New Mexico Primary Care Association
61.		Ms.	Joan	Rutherford	New Mexico Health Insurance Alliance
62.		Mr.	Milton	Sanchez	NM Retiree Health
63.	<b>S/C</b>	Representative	Ed	Sandoval	State Legislator (D-Bernalillo, 17)
64.		Ms.	Linda	Sechovec	NM Health Care Association
65.	<b>S/C</b>	Ms.	Anne	Sperling	President of NM State Association of Health Underwriters
66.	<b>S/C</b>	Representative	Tom	Taylor	State Legislator (R-San Juan, 1)

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67.		Mr.	Floyd	Thompson	Gallup Indian Medical Center
68.	<b>S/C</b>	Mr.	Jim	Toya	Albuquerque Area IHS
69.	<b>S/C</b>	Representative	Jim	Trujillo	State Representative (D-Santa Fe, 45)
70.		Ms.	Sally	Tyler	American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
71.		Dr.	William	Uwelling	Legis. Rep., Psychiatric Medical Association
72.	<b>S/C</b>	Mr.	Rick	Wadley	President Bank of America. Rep. For the Association of Commerce and Industry
73.	<b>S/C</b>	Representative	Jeannette	Wallace	State Legislator (R-Los Alamos, Sandoval, Santa Fe, 43)
74.		Mr.	Ed	Zendel	New Mexico Municipal League

**Ex Officio:**

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1.		Sec.	Dale	Bolson	Children, Youth and Families
2.		Mr.	Raúl	Burciaga	Legislative Council Service
3.		Lt. Gov.	Diane	Denish	Lt. Governor's Office
4.	<b>S/C</b>	Sec.	Pam	Hyde	Human Services Department
5.		Dr.	Pat	Larragoite	New Mexico Health Policy C
6.		Sec.	Michelle	Lujan Grisham	Aging and Long term Care
7.	<b>S/C</b>	Sec.	Pat	Montoya	Department of Health
8.		Ms.	Kathleen	Stoll	Families USA
9.	<b>S/C</b>	Mr.	Eric	Serna	New Mexico Public Regulati
10.		Ms.	Donna	Smith	Risk Management Division
11.		Ms.	Jessica	Sutin	Health Policy Coordinator fo
12.		Mr.	Bernie	Teba	Office of Indian Affairs