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Governor Bill Richardson Announces Aug. 15 Special Session Date

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today announced that he will call legislators into a special session on Aug. 15. The Governor notified legislative leadership today about the start date to give them time to plan.

The Governor is calling the special session to address access to universal health care and the \$211 million CARE package he unveiled last week to boost family budgets and put money in people's pockets. The Governor will also ask legislators to approve a \$200 million road funding package.

"New Mexicans need relief now," Governor Richardson said. "I am working with legislators to move forward with a special session so we can address health care and put money in people's pockets before the holiday season."

The Governor reiterated that health care coverage is still a priority for the special session.

"We are ready to move forward with health care reform and cover more New Mexicans," Governor Richardson said. "There is adequate room in the budget to get this done now. We can't afford not to act."

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