



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-086

ESTABLISHING THE NEW MEXICO PRESCRIPTION DRUG TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, prescription drugs are essential to the health of New Mexicans;

WHEREAS, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation approximately six in ten adult Americans take at least one prescription drug, and one quarter of surveyed adults take four or more prescriptions;

WHEREAS, Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services reported national health expenditures for prescriptions drugs reached \$348.4 billion in 2020;

WHEREAS, the cost of prescription drugs continues to escalate beyond what many patients can afford;

WHEREAS, last year the National Conference of State Legislatures presented research to the New Mexico Legislative Health & Human Services Committee that the price of brand name medicines increased by 33% since 2014;

WHEREAS, three in ten adults reported to the Kaiser Family Foundation they did not take prescribed medication during the past year due to cost;

WHEREAS, in 2021 a GBAO Strategies survey reported a substantial number of New Mexicans skipped medications due to cost;

WHEREAS, no New Mexican should have to forego life-saving medication in order to make ends meet; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico would benefit from a task force dedicated to bringing transparency and affordability to prescription drug prices.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT**:

1. The New Mexico Prescription Drug Task Force (“Task Force”) shall be created to analyze and report solutions to manage and minimize the costs of prescriptions for New Mexicans.

2. The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

a. The Superintendent of Insurance; and

b. The following individuals who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor:

i. A physician licensed in New Mexico;

ii. A pharmacist licensed in New Mexico engaged in pharmaceutical practice at an independent pharmacy ;

iii. A patient advocate; and

iv. An individual whose profession is in the health insurance industry.

3. The Task Force Shall advise and assist the Governor in addressing excessive prescription drug prices and the financial burden that prescription drug prices place on New Mexicans. The Task Force shall:

a. Analyze data and information relating to the development, pricing, distribution, and purchasing of prescription drugs;

b. Review and evaluate actions taken by New Mexico and other states to lower the cost of prescription drugs;

c. Recommend potential legislative, administrative, or regulatory actions that can be taken to reduce the price of prescription drugs for New Mexicans; and

d. Issue a report to the Governor on or before August 31, 2022 summarizing the data reviewed by the Task Force and recommending potential solutions to reduce the price of prescription drugs.

4. The Governor shall appoint a chair of the Task Force from amongst the members.

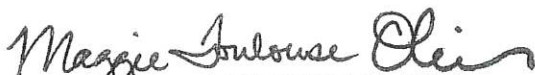
5. The chair may propose additional members to the Governor for appointment to the Task Force.

6. Task Force members shall not be compensated for their service, other than for per diem for members traveling more than 100 miles to the designated meeting location.

I FURTHER ORDER and DIRECT as follows:


1. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until renewed, modified, or rescinded.

ATTEST:


MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 9TH DAY OF JUNE 2022

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO


MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

