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Health Care for All is contacting organizations, businesses, faith groups, and individuals to gain support in our efforts to obtain universal health care access for all people living in New Mexico. Our campaign seeks real reform that includes control of the rising cost of health care.

**Health Care for All
Steering Committee
Organizations:**

**New Mexico Public Health
Association**

**Health Care for the
Homeless**

**Human Needs
Coordinating Council**

**New Mexico
Voices for Children**

**The Center on Law and
Poverty**

**St. Joseph Community
Health**

**American Medical
Student Association-NM**

**League of Women Voters-
New Mexico**

**New Mexico
Conference of Churches**

**National Association of
Social Workers-NM**

**Lutheran Office of
Governmental Ministry-
NM**

Health Action New Mexico

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Health Care for All... Together, We Can!

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Health care in New Mexico is in a deepening crisis: almost one out of four New Mexicans is uninsured; one out of five New Mexico children has no health insurance; and most uninsured or underinsured adults are working people. In the past year alone, insurance premiums rose between 16 and 30 percent. Co-pays and deductibles are increasing and pharmaceutical drug costs are rising.

These growing costs are making it more difficult for New Mexico businesses, municipal governments, and schools to provide and pay for health care coverage for their employees. Furthermore, these costs, place increasing burdens on publicly financed programs such as Medicaid and county indigent funds. Too often, New Mexicans on a fixed income have to choose between healthcare and basic necessities of life because of the significant increases in the cost of health care.

The current system of fragmented coverage, only for designated population groups, results in a largely inequitable system. Making health care coverage available to all would solve that problem, reduce overall costs, and, in addition, improve productivity and the quality of life of all our residents. The Health Care for All Campaign believes, in the future,

HEALTH CARE IN NEW MEXICO MUST

- Be an **individual right** for all people living in New Mexico regardless of ability to pay.
- Be the shared **responsibility of the government, employers, providers, and individuals** to ensure rights for all.
- Ensure that **containing costs, eliminating waste, and maximizing efficiency of resources** is primary and, in all cases, puts quality of health care first.
- Provide **universal and equitable coverage** for everyone in both rural and urban settings.
- Be **comprehensive**, including the choice of a full range of services and providers in order to promote and maintain physical, behavioral and mental health.
- Provide **high quality** and appropriate care in a timely manner.
- Be **affordable** without causing financial hardship on individuals and families.
- Be **publicly accountable** to the communities it serves, to providers, and to the entities which provide its funding.
- Provide **culturally-specific, culturally-diverse, and linguistically-appropriate** services.
- Ensure a **strong public health system** organized to integrate the health care delivery system with community, preventive and social services, and maintain a safe and healthy environment for all.
- **Simplify administration**, so that individuals and providers are not burdened with administrative and logistical obstacles to the receipt or provision of care.

Please join the HEALTH CARE FOR ALL CAMPAIGN!



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1. Membership

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- \$30 individuals
- \$50 organizations/businesses
- \$15 students and seniors
- other _____

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- 3. Allow us to use your name or organization/business in the HCFA campaign.
- 4. Help us arrange presentations to your neighborhood or organization.

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