

# NM OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE REFORM HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES



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# Office of Health Care Reform 2010

**March 2010-** The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) passed. The legislation has staggered roll out dates until 2014. The federal act calls for much of the responsibility for implementing its provisions to the states.

ACA created an opportunity for each state to create its own state based Health Insurance Exchange, (HIX) or an HIX partnership between states and federal government, or states could participate in a federally run HIX.

**April 2010-** By Executive Order, Governor Richardson established the Health Care Leadership Team which was charged to create a strategic plan to implement health care reform and coordinate across state agencies to oversee the plan.

# Office of Health Care Reform 2010

**April 2010-** Senate Joint Memorial 1 Health Care Reform Working Group, was given the task of reviewing ACA and its impact on NM. The efforts were coordinated with the OHCR and the Leadership Team. The SJM 1 Task Force recommended that:

NM should operate its own Exchange;

NM should have one HIX to administer both individual and small group markets; NM should proceed with a legislatively created quasi governmental nonprofit entity.

**June 2010:** The OHCR applied for a federal planning grant to assist in the development of a NM HIX.

**July 2010-** Governor Bill Richardson officially created by Executive Order, the OHCR in the Human Services Department; charged the Leadership Team to continue to oversee planning, development and implementation of health care reform; and expanded the membership of the Leadership Team.

# Office of Health Care Reform 2010

**September, 2010-** New Mexico was awarded \$1,000,000 in funding from the Department of Health and Human Services to plan for the implementation of the Exchange.

**December 2010-**Funding of 13 studies to gather expert, technical and stakeholder input.

**December 2010-** OHCR developed a Transition Plan for the new administration.

Throughout 2010 the OHCR provided opportunities for stakeholder input, emailed a weekly report to interested parties and was transparent in their process. Over \$45 million in federal funding came into New Mexico during the first year of the Affordable Care Act.

# Office of Health Care Reform 2011

**January 2011**-Legislation was passed to create a NM Health Insurance Exchange. The bill was vetoed by the governor.

**April 2011**- Robert Wood Johnson chose New Mexico as one of 10 states to receive technical assistance to help establish its Health Insurance Exchange.

**August 2011**- Governor Martinez appointed a Director, Dan Derksen, MD to NM Office of Health Care Reform.

**September 2011**- The Office of Health Care Reform submitted a \$34.3 million Level 1 HIX Establishment grant.

**November 30, 2011**- New Mexico receives the \$34.3 million Establishment grant.

# Office of Health Care Reform 2012

**January 2012-** Legislation introduced to create a NMHIX. The bill did not pass.

**February 2012-** RFP's for IT and Project Management are developed. RFP's not let out to bid.

**February, 2012-** Level 2 Establishment grant written. It was decided that NM would not submit this grant at this time.

**March 2012-** Dan Derksen resigns as Director of OHCR.

**June 2012-** Milton Sanchez is named Director of OHCR.

**June 2012-** Leavitt and Associates hired to assist in NM HIX development including business operations, stakeholder input, health insurance market reforms, grant writing, etc.

# Office of Health Care Reform 2012

**June 2012-** NM Health Insurance Exchange Task Force is appointed. The purpose is to provide HSD with recommendations on the design and development of the NM HIX. The Task Force and Work Groups are made up of various stakeholders.

1. Essential Benefits Work group
2. Outreach Education, Enrollment Work Group
3. Legislative Work Group
4. Market Regulation Work Group
5. Native American Work Group
6. Employer Participation Work Group
7. Financial Sustainability Work Group
8. Program Integration Work Group

# Office of Health Care Reform 2012

**June , 2012-** Supreme Court Ruling on Affordable Care Act.

**September 2012-** Submission of Essential Benefits to HHS

**October 2012-** OHCR announces that NM Health Insurance Alliance (NMHIA) will be the NMHIX. The Alliance was created in 1994 by the legislature to provide small employers groups and qualifying individuals with access to health insurance. It is a quasi-governmental nonprofit entity.

**October 2012-** OHCR announces that NM HIX will begin with only a SHOP exchange for small business in 2014.



# Office of Health Care Reform 2012

## **November 2012- ELECTION**

**November 2012-** Announcement of a draft Memorandum of Understanding between administration and NM Health Insurance Alliance, naming NMHIA as the NM HIX.

**November 2012-** NM HIA announces RFP's for:

Project Management

IT

**November 16 2012-** a Blueprint submission for states to identify their plans and preference for a HIX. Deadline extended until Dec 15, 2012

# Examples of decisions needed

Legislation, Executive Order or nothing needed to create the NM HIX in the NM Health Insurance Alliance

Governance- who appoints, types of individuals who serve,

Blueprint submission from administration will outline administration's decisions on a NM HIX.

**No deadline** - Expansion of Medicaid

Navigator program developed - role of brokers

Insurance- offer of plans statewide required of carriers, network adequacy, more than two levels of plans offered etc.

**By January 1, 2013-** each state needs to demonstrate to the satisfaction of DHHS that it will have a fully or conditionally operational HIX by 2014.

# For More Information

Studies and information on New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange can be found @

[www.hsd.state.nm.us/nhcr/nhcrlao.htm](http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/nhcr/nhcrlao.htm)

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