

FULLY FUND MEDICAID



\$37M

Medicaid needs \$37 million in "new money" for FY19

The Human Services Department has requested \$37 million more than last year to meet Medicaid enrollment needs, and avoid cuts to services. The need **may go up by \$31 million** if Congress fails to reauthorize funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program.



Cuts to Medicaid will slash jobs and patient care:

850,000 NEW MEXICANS WILL FACE CUTS TO HEALTHCARE



Children, people with disabilities, and low-income adults with Medicaid will lose important health benefits and will be charged new fees that will cause thousands of people to lose Medicaid coverage or be unable to access care.



1,600 JOBS WILL BE LOST

If New Mexico does not provide \$37 million in new funding for Medicaid, we will lose 4 times the amount in federal matching funds. \$185 million will be taken out of our economy, sacrificing more than 1,600 healthcare jobs.

HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS WILL BE UNABLE TO MEET PATIENT NEEDS

Medicaid cuts have already forced clinics and hospitals in New Mexico to downsize or close facilities, while some providers are now refusing to see Medicaid patients.



In the face of federal threats, it is essential for New Mexico to fully fund Medicaid to protect our healthcare system.

Congress is pushing to cap Medicaid funding into "block grants" that would be based on how much Medicaid costs now in each state. If New Mexico cuts funding and services now, we will permanently receive less federal funding. We would have to pay much more to bring the services back in future years or to keep up with growing medical costs.