NM TOGETHER for HEALTHCARE

Medicaid Forward

Unlocking affordable coverage for all New Mexicans

A historic opportunity to continue New Mexico's leadership in healthcare affordability.
Medicaid Forward would allow residents whose incomes are too high to qualify for Medicaid to instead purchase an affordable plan through the program. Medicaid is a robust, comprehensive program that already provides high-quality care to nearly 50% of our residents. Expanding this simple and trusted system will make healthcare less expensive for people of all backgrounds.

Why do we need Medicaid Forward now?
The health of our families, communities, and economy depend on access to affordable, high-quality healthcare. Far too many New Mexicans are forced to go without the medical care they need because their current coverage options are too expensive. To this day, nearly six in ten New Mexicans have sacrificed medical services in the past two years because of cost.

How will New Mexico pay for it?
Medicaid Forward is a good deal for New Mexico. New Mexico can raise its current Medicaid income limit and the federal government will still match nearly 73% of the costs. For the remaining costs, participants will pay for coverage on a sliding scale based on their income.

1 in 10
New Mexicans do not have health insurance

Who qualifies for Medicaid Forward?
Medicaid Forward would open Medicaid so every resident has access to affordable care. We envision a New Mexico where every person, regardless of their background or income, has the opportunity to live their healthiest life.

How will this impact New Mexico?
Medicaid Forward will be a meaningful investment in our state's future. With 73% of the costs supported through federal funding, Medicaid Forward could save the state hundreds of millions of dollars each year and provide a more affordable healthcare coverage option for state and local employees. With more patients covered, we will also rely less on expensive emergency services, alleviating their burden on healthcare providers and ensuring we all stop paying the hidden costs through higher insurance rates.

75%
of New Mexicans support opening up Medicaid so everyone can buy into the program