

# STATE COVERAGE INITIATIVES

## New Mexico needs a health care affordability plan

Our communities are stronger and healthier when more people have access to health care. But in New Mexico and across the country, families must often choose between their health and making ends meet.

- **190,000** New Mexicans are uninsured, while health care costs continue to rise.
- Our families struggle to afford high premiums, co-pays, and deductibles.
- Our current health care system is complicated to navigate, making it more difficult to access health care.



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## The Governor and LFC recommend \$500,000 to HSD to implement State Coverage Initiatives. The New Mexico Legislature should approve this funding.

HSD is already making strides toward a health care affordability plan. This is encouraging, because **90%** of New Mexicans think it's important for the state to take action to make health care more affordable.

## The State Coverage Initiative funding will help inform the Legislature about affordable health care plans.

1. The \$500,000 for State Coverage Initiatives will continue research and plans for implementation that will make health care more affordable.
2. The \$500,000 will also cover an analysis of the best uses of the Health Care Affordability Fund. The NMT4HC campaign is supporting legislation this session to set up a Health Care Affordability Fund, which would reduce insurance premiums, co-pays, and deductibles for low- and middle-income New Mexicans so they can get the care that they need, when they need it, without fear of financial ruin or medical debt.



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