



New Mexico
Hospital Association

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FINANCING

Standardized Reporting of Use of SCP Funds

Background: The New Mexico Association of Counties has proposed that a standardized reporting process be implemented statewide to provide information regarding how sole community hospitals are expending the sole community provider allocations as matched by county funds through intergovernmental transfers.

The existing indigent fund statute provides for reports based on a format and process jointly developed and approved by counties and hospitals. NMHA supports accountability in terms of reporting and has made numerous attempts to work with the NMAC to develop a process and strategy regarding such reporting.

Given the complexity of the SCP program and the myriad of means by which the program receives matching funds, pending and potential issues with the federal government, legislation prescribing a standardized reporting mechanism would be problematic without further comprehensive and inclusive development among the stakeholders.

*NMHA Position: **Support** a legislative memorial directing NMHA and NMAC to develop such a reporting process in the 2009-2010 interim. An NMHA Alert was issued in July 2008.*