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NEW MEXICO MEDICAL CANNABIS PATIENT ENROLLMENT NEARS 60,000

Rapid enrollment trends expected to continue into the fourth quarter of 2018

(Albuquerque) – New Mexico's Medical Cannabis Program is serving <u>58,782</u> patients as of September 30, 2018, according to data released by the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH).

The program's rapid enrollment trend is nearing 60,000 patients, a major milestone for the state.

Currently, the state's fastest growing counties from <u>September 30, 2017</u> to <u>September 30, 2018</u> with at least 500 cardholders include:

1.	Grant	97.8%	6.	Santa Fe	48.5%
2.	Otero	76.6%	7.	Cibola	44.9%
3.	Curry	54.9%	8.	Sierra	41.8%
4.	Doña Ana	53.6%	9.	Bernalillo	38.9%
5.	Sandoval	48.5%	10.	Chavez	37.0%

Of the top 10 fastest growing counties, Ultra Health has dispensaries in Grant, Otero, Curry, Sandoval, Santa Fe, and Bernalillo counties. The provider has additional locations awaiting designation in Bernalillo, Chavez, Doña Ana, Valencia, Rio Arriba, San Juan, and Luna counties.

"The New Mexico cannabis industry is in its infancy and needs improvements," said Duke Rodriguez, CEO and President of Ultra Health®. "Cannabis patients desperately need an increase in the number of licensed plants, expanded access particularly in the rural communities, and the ability to purchase an appropriate amount of medicine. These critical programmatic changes will immediately result in lower prices to patients and extend the double digit growth."

The program is expected to exceed 65,000 medical cannabis patients by the end of 2018.