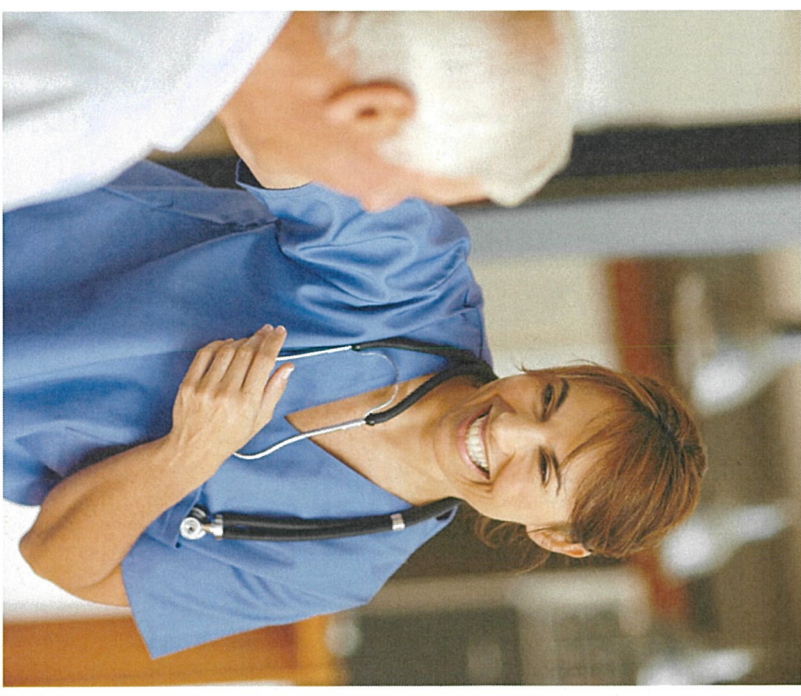




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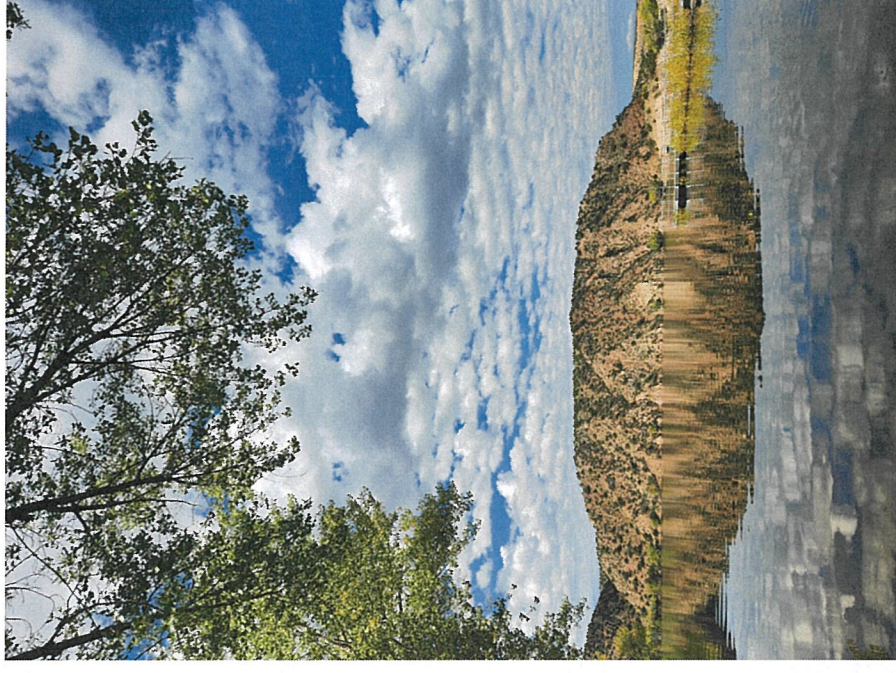
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BEFORE WE START...

On behalf of all colleagues at the Health Care Authority, we humbly acknowledge we are on the unceded ancestral lands of the original peoples of the Pueblo, Apache, and Diné past, present, and future.

With gratitude we pay our respects to the land, the people and the communities that contribute to what today is known as the State of New Mexico.



Santa Cruz Lake, NM

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MISSION

We ensure New Mexicans attain their highest level of health by providing whole-person, cost-effective, accessible, and high-quality health care and safety-net services.

VISION

Every New Mexican has access to affordable health care coverage through a coordinated and seamless health care system.

GOALS



IMPROVE Leverage purchasing power and partnerships to create innovative policies and models of comprehensive health care coverage that improve the health and well-being of New Mexicans and the workforce.



SUPPORT Build the best team in state government by supporting employees' continuous growth and wellness.



ADDRESS Achieve health equity by addressing poverty, discrimination, and lack of resources, building a New Mexico where everyone thrives.



PROVIDE Implement innovative technology and data-driven decision-making to provide unparalleled, convenient access to services and information.

AGENDA

Topics to be covered in the presentation

- Establishing relationships with Tribes, Nations and Pueblos
- New Mexico AI/AN Enrollment Population
- Rural Health Care Delivery Fund
- State Plans Amendments supporting AI/AN populations
 - Enhanced Medicaid
 - CHW/CHR Reimbursement
 - I.H.S., Tribal 638 Outpatient Pharmacy Reimbursement
 - 1115 Waiver
 - Continuous Eligibility
 - Justice Involved Pre-release Services



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STRENGTHENING STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONSHIP

FOUR PILLARS OF STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS WITH TRIBES

Our agencies' intent is to continue to serve, be a collaborative resource, and be a partner to New Mexico's 23 Tribes, Nations and Pueblos, constituents, and communities. In doing so, we have identified four pillars of strengthening relationships with tribes:

Prioritize	Promote	Build	Provide
Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos regarding available and upcoming state funding opportunities—i.e., communication and sustainability of such funding.	tribal health equity by recognizing and respecting self-determination in tribal health and safety net concerns as prioritized by Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos.	trusting relationships with Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos by being visible in communities and connecting with individuals to offer available HSD resources.	agency-wide training of the unique government-to-government relationship for a better understanding of State and Federal obligation to Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos.

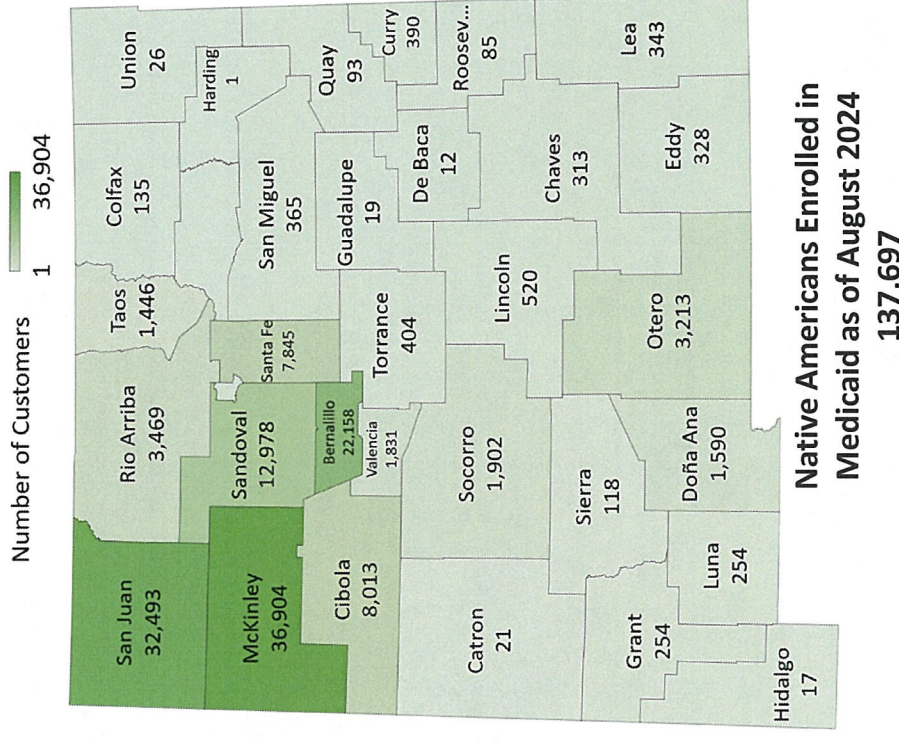


NEW MEXICO NATIVE AMERICAN MEDICAID POPULATION

NATIVE AMERICAN ENROLLMENT IN MEDICAID

- 2022 New Mexico Tribal Population: **233,214***
- Roughly 60% of Native American population has Medicaid
- Turquoise Care launched July 2024
- Four Managed Care Organization offering Value Added Services and benefits to support members with Physical Health, Behavioral Health and Long-Term Care needs
 - Blue Cross Blue Shield
 - Molina Healthcare of New Mexico
 - Presbyterian Health Plan
 - United Health Care
- Fee For Service
 - Native Americans not enrolled with an MCO
 - Eligible for standard Medicaid coverage

*The Data Book :: Native American Budget and Policy Institute | The University of New Mexico (unm.edu)



Source: Monthly Enrollment Record, August 2024 HCA

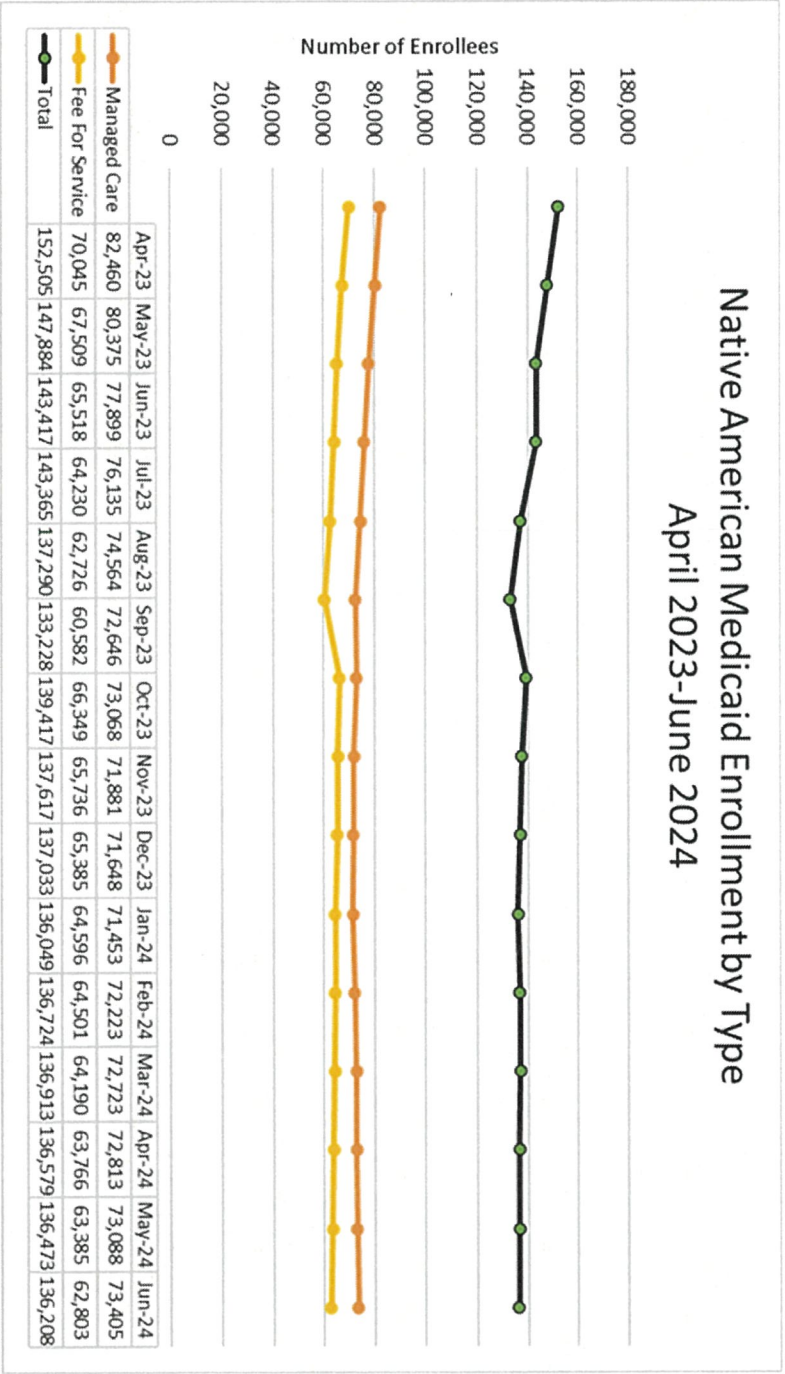
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NATIVE AMERICAN ENROLLMENT

- Medicaid enrollment during the unwinding of the Public Health Emergency April 2023-June 2024
- 11% (16,000) drop in Native Americans enrolled in Medicaid due to financial reasons, moved out of state, didn't renew their Medicaid application, or complete the renewal process.



Native Americans Enrolled in
Medicaid as of August 2024
137,697

Source: Aspen Monthly Enrollment Record

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MEDICAID EXPANSION IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

Efforts to increase Medicaid enrollment and health care coverage for Native Americans:

- Tribal and I.H.S collaboration events to increase enrollment
- Referrals to BeWell NM for individuals not eligible for Medicaid
- Increase tribal representation to the Native American Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC)
- NEW ISD Tribal Charter effective August 2025

Turquoise Care Outreach Events

- Crownpoint Chapter House
- Shiprock Chapter House
- Jicarilla Apache
- Zuni Pueblo
- Taos Pueblo
- Nambe Pueblo
- Five Sandoval Pueblo

Income Support Division (ISD) in Your

Community Events

- Mescalero Apache (2 events)
- Jicarilla Apache
- Acoma Pueblo
- San Felipe Pueblo
- Laguna Pueblo



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1115 MEDICAID WAIVER

2024 Approved Services

1115 Waiver approved July 25, 2024 | [press release](#)

- Continuous eligibility for children up to age 6
- Medicaid-reimbursed Home Visiting for pregnant/post-partum
- Supportive Housing Expansion (enrollment increase)
- Expanded availability of Community Benefit slots (long term care)
- Legally responsible individuals as caregivers
- Environmental Modification Benefit Limit increase
- Transition Services Benefit Limit increase
- Justice-involved up to 90-day pre-release reach-in services
- Medical respite for homeless individuals
- Home delivered meals for pregnant members
- Home delivered meals for Community Benefit (long term care) members
- Additional expansion items for Supportive Housing (provider expansion)

Ongoing CMS Negotiations (as of Aug. 2024)

- Traditional Healing



INTRODUCTION TO TRADITIONAL HEALTH CARE PRACTICES (THCP)

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THCP Reimbursements Through 1115 Demonstration Waiver

- Traditional healing is not a covered benefit by Medicaid. For the last decade, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) has engaged with tribes through national consultations to obtain feedback and guidance on a pathway for reimbursement to tribes regarding traditional therapies and practices.
- Four states (Arizona, New Mexico, California and Oregon) have submitted waivers requesting reimbursement in varying methods. New Mexico has been selected to engage in the first cohort.
- Since 2022, HCA-MAD engaged in 2 Tribal consultations and 5 listening sessions to obtain feedback from tribes regarding the proposed framework
- In August 2024, HCA submitted the state proposed framework with tribal feedback to CMS.



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO RESPONSE TO TRADITIONAL HEALTH CARE PRACTICES (THCP)

Draft Framework	
Covered Population	Any individual eligible to receive services through participating Indian Health Service or Tribal 638 facilities and Medicaid enrolled. This may include individuals that are non-Ai/AN and subject to provisions of law set by Indian Health Services.
Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	All children eligible to receive services through participating I.H.S. and Tribal 638's facilities and Medicaid eligible.
Eligible Providers	Eligible providers who opt to participate may include individuals employed by I.H.S., Tribal 638's, and UIO's (subject to funding by NM Legislature as they are not included in a 100% federal match).
Delivery System	Traditional Health Care Practices will be available to Fee for Service (FFS) and Managed Care Organization (MCO) Medicaid members at participating facilities.
Implementation Funding (at 50/50 administrative match)	Subject to appropriation of funding by the NM Legislature, HCA is requesting \$5.75 million in implementation funding to enable interested providers to implement THCP. This funding will support activities such as, training and developing provider processes.

NATIVE AMERICAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NATAC)

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- Began in September 2012
- Designed for Tribes, Nations and Pueblos to meet with leadership to address topics of mutual concerns and interest regarding Medicaid
- NATAC is comprised of appointees by Tribal leaders, Indian Health Service (I.H.S.) and HCA representatives
- Meetings are held quarterly and minutes are posted to the HCA website

NATAC Representation

- Pueblo of Laguna
- Pueblo of Nambé
- Ohkay Owingeh
- Pueblo of Picuris
- Pueblo of San Felipe
- Pueblo of San Ildefonso
- Pueblo of Santa Ana
- Santo Domingo Pueblo
- Pueblo of Taos
- Navajo Nation
- Ft. Sill Apache Tribe
- Jicarilla Apache Nation
- Mescalero Apache Tribe

FY 24 Goals

- Goal 1:** Increase BH services for Native Americans including community-based services for adults and children.
- Goal 2:** Increase Medicaid reimbursable provider types (e.g. case managers, community health representatives, care coordinators) and services for IHS and Tribal Clinics.
- Goal 3:** Increase the number of long-term care options.
- Goal 4:** Increase Native American enrollment in Medicaid.



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RURAL HEALTH DELIVERY FUND

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RURAL HEALTH DELIVERY FUND GRANT

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The Rural Health Care Delivery Fund was established to support health care facilities, practitioners, and tribes in New Mexico in expanding and creating high-quality healthcare services for rural New Mexicans.

52 rural health care organizations were funded with FY24 \$80M GF appropriation

Tribal Grantees FY2024

- *Breath of My Heart Birthplace: Award Amount- \$203,661.10*
- *First Nations Community Health: Award Amount - \$240,000*
- *Laguna Healthcare Corporation: Award Amount- \$1,097,512.50*
- *Pueblo of Picuris: Award Amount - \$4,975,903.00*
- *Ft. Defiance Hospital/Tsehootsooi Medical Center- Award Amount – \$6,000,000*

HCA received additional Funding SFY25-SFY27

- Outreach to engage interested tribes
- Education webinar took place on September 18, 2024
- Funding recipients will be announced in October and November 2024

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BREATH OF MY HEART BIRTHPLACE

Grant Award: \$203,661.10

Health Care Initiative Focus

- To execute a comprehensive plan to significantly expand midwifery services, focusing on indigenous midwifery student programs, peer support training, and community support coordination.
- To enhance accessibility and quality of services through targeted expansions and improvements.
- This initiative aims to address gaps in care, particularly in indigenous communities, by strengthening educational pathways, fostering peer support networks, and bolstering operational support structures.



Breath of My Heart Birthplace



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LAGUNA HEALTHCARE CORP.

Grant Award: \$1,097,512.50

Health Care Initiative Focus

Expansion of primary care services to an additional day of the week for 10 hr./day. Expansion of existing services by 2 hours on each of the current workdays from Tuesday through Saturday. Includes primary care providers, pharmacy, laboratory services, radiology, social services, public health outreach, and purchased referred care (PRC) services to specialists. Gives patients the opportunity to choose between Monday through Saturday appointments.

Funds will be first used for the planning, communication, and advertising of the expansion of services. This gives the team time to adopt the new shifts, allocate the existing spaces for all the added staff, prior to the building of the expanded facility. Hiring and recruitment efforts have begun to be ready for this opportunity.



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FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITY HEALTH (FNCH)

Grant Award: \$240,000



Health Care Initiative Focus

- Implement Mobile Health Services (MHS) to provide accessible and affordable healthcare to vulnerable rural populations in McKinley and Rio Arriba counties, which have the lowest life expectancy rates in New Mexico. MHS will offer primary care, preventative health screenings, chronic disease management education, vaccinations, and disease prevention education to detect, diagnose, and treat illnesses early.
- Services will be culturally sensitive and tailored to address the specific needs of the populations. Rio Arriba will prioritize vaccines, injury prevention education, and substance abuse prevention and treatment referrals to address the high rates of pertussis, unintentional injuries, and alcohol and drug overdoses. McKinley County will include vaccines, chronic disease management, diabetes prevention education, substance use prevention education, treatment referrals, HIV/HCV/STI testing and counseling, and behavioral health screenings to address the county's disproportionately high rates of deaths from influenza and pneumonia, diabetes, alcohol, suicides, and high prevalence of Syphilis and pertussis.
- MHS will connect county residents to broader community resources, such as specialty care, health centers, hospitals, and social support services.



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PUEBLO OF PICURIS

Grant Award: \$4,975,903.00

Health Care Initiative Focus

- Primary Care: Staffed with a Nurse Practitioner and a Certified Nurse Assistant, primary care unit will offer comprehensive nursing care including physical examinations, disease diagnosis and treatment, and medication prescription.
- Dental Care: A dedicated Dentist and Dental Assistant team will provide preventive care, conduct dental restorative procedures, and play a crucial role in enhancing patients' lives through improved oral health.
- Behavioral Health: Managed by a Licensed Master Social Worker and supported by Peer Support Staff, this sector focuses on securing behavioral health and substance abuse resources. This initiative aims to sustain financial viability for both Tribal community health and behavioral health programs, ensuring a consistent team of providers.
- Emergency Transportation: Operated by two Licensed Emergency Medical Technicians, emergency transportation service aims to minimize the response time during medical crises. This Paramedic Level of Care – EMS service will operate 24/7, catering to Picuris Pueblo Tribal Members, local community members, and adjacent communities, in accordance with an agreement with Taos County Emergency Medical Services.



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FT. DEFIANCE HOSPITAL

Grant Award: \$6,000,000



Health Care Initiative Focus

Enhance access to healthcare by establishing additional medical offices in Gallup. This strategic expansion will allow FDIHB to extend comprehensive healthcare services beyond its current geographical area, reaching a broader population.

The new facilities in Gallup will provide an array of medical services and support, ensuring that more individuals have access to quality healthcare. This initiative underscores FDIHB's commitment to improving community health outcomes and addressing the healthcare needs of underserved populations in the region.



STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS-TRIBAL HEALTHCARE

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APPROVED STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS (SPAS)

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UPDATES

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NATIVE AMERICAN SERVICES PROGRAM

The Native American Services program is a grant program established to provide funding for behavioral health agencies to deliver Traditional Healing services to Native American individuals and families in New Mexico. This grant will allow for individual agencies to provide culturally relevant practices, while accessing funding other than Medicaid.

9 behavioral health agencies were funded in FY24 \$1.23M with GF and Special appropriation

• 2E Consults LLC:	Award Amount – \$23,089.88
• First Nations Community Health:	Award Amount – \$66,103.00
• Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos:	Award Amount – \$54,000.00
• Hozho Center for Personal Enhancement:	Award Amount – \$69,960.00
• Jemez Comprehensive Health Center:	Award Amount – \$29,930.26
• Poston & Associates, LLC:	Award Amount – \$60,000.00
• Totah Behavioral Health Authority:	Award Amount – \$316,325.00
• Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board Inc:	Award Amount – \$474,527.00
• Zuni Youth Enrichment Project:	Award Amount – \$100,000.00





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