

# Close the Healthcare Gap for Adults



## **Profile: Uninsured Adults in New Mexico**

- ☆ Over 200,000 low wage workers, low-income parents, and recently jobless adults
- ☆ Over 85% are under the federal poverty line
- ☆ Counties with the most uninsured people are San Juan (10,374), McKinley & Cibola (12,516), Bernalillo (38,936), and Dona Ana (20,492)
- ☆ Over 900 New Mexicans die each year because they are uninsured.
- ☆ Many more have untreated conditions and struggle to care for their families due to illness.
- ☆ Illness and hospitalizations result in over \$350 million in unpaid medical bills each year

## **New Mexico has the opportunity to bring stable coverage to our families through Medicaid – at no new cost to the state!**

- Right now, adults only qualify for Medicaid if they are pregnant, seniors, disabled, or extremely low income parents (mother with child who earns less than \$4,540 per year).
- Over **200,000 New Mexicans** could get coverage if we act now - every adult under 138% FPL would qualify (\$26,344 for a family of 3)
- Having Medicaid would mean that families could receive healthcare through a **statewide network of providers & specialists**.
- There will be no **new cost for taxpayers** because federal funds cover the entire amount for 3 years and then infuse billions into our economy, expanding the state revenue base and offsetting costs.

***Will we do the right thing for our families?***

