

## **Recommendations:**

### *Next Steps on Affordability & the Basic Health Program*

1. Ensure full implementation of the Medicaid Expansion in New Mexico
2. Determine what action on BHP/affordability is appropriate:
  - a. Act to implement a BHP in NM, using WA state application to federal government as a model
  - b. Study the affordability problem further
    - i. Obtain in-depth actuarial analysis of BHP in NM. *Consider an appropriation to fund this analysis.*
    - ii. Research & evaluate alternative affordability solutions, e.g. Tennessee Bridge Program, state-based premium assistance, Medicaid beyond 138% FPL.
    - iii. Monitor affordability problem as healthcare reform is implemented. *Consider legislative action to require HSD to collect data on enrollment, plan choice, and affordability/underinsurance.*