

PICURIS PUEBLO PRESENTATION

- On March 28, 2013, Governor Susana Martinez enacted the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange Act (SB 221). Sponsored by Senator Benny Shendo, the Act creates a state-based insurance marketplace or health insurance exchange that provides individuals and small businesses with a “one-stop shop” to find and compare affordable, quality health insurance options.
- The New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange (NMHIX) Act includes several provisions designed to ensure that the Exchange meets the needs of American Indian consumers and complies with the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and the Indian-specific provisions of the Affordable Care Act.
- Specifically, the NMHIX must:
 - Establish a Native American Advisory Committee
 - Designate a Native American Liaison
- In addition, the NMHIX may:
 - Establish a Native American Service Center that facilitates the ability of American Indian consumers to acquire coverage through the Exchange
- Within six months of its enactment, the NMHIX must create and implement a final plan of operation containing provisions to ensure the fair, reasonable and equitable administration of the Exchange. The final plan of operation must include policies that promote effective communication and collaboration between the Exchange and Indian nations, tribes and pueblos as well as policies that promote cultural competency in providing effective services to Native Americans.
- Consultation is integral to a deliberative process that results in informed decision-making and adoption of mutually-beneficial policies. Tribal consultation must occur on an ongoing basis so that Tribes have an opportunity to provide timely input on issues that have a substantial direct effect on Tribes and Indian health organizations. A clear Tribal consultation policy will establish the foundation of the relationship between the NMHIX and New Mexico’s Tribes and ensure Tribes have access to NMHIX leadership.
- NMHIX is in the process of establishing a work group to develop a consultation process in partnership with the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department and a meeting will be held this next week.
- NMHIX is interviewing applicants for a Native American Coordinator and anticipates hiring by August 28, 2013.
- NMHIX is accepting nominations for the Native American Advisory Committee and letters are being sent to leadership of all Tribes and Pueblos for recommendations.

The NMHIX wants to work with all Tribes and Pueblos on outreach, education, and enrollment into the NMHIX.

- NMHIX is partnering with Native American Professional Parent Resources (NAPPR) to be an umbrella organization for outreach, education, and enrollment activities. Funding will be provided for these activities and for subcontracts with the pueblos.
- NAPPR will lead implementation of a special Culture of Coverage campaign in Native American communities to provide extensive education and outreach about the importance of health insurance coverage.
- It is estimated that there are approximately 26,000 Native Americans that could enroll in the NMHIX.
- Training of Health Care Guides will begin in late August and outreach activities will begin in September. Enrollment starts October 1, 2013.
- NMHIX has a marketing vendor BVK that will be disseminating educational materials to all partners starting in early September. BVK is working on customized materials for Native American communities.

Location	Total AI Pop > 18	Uninsured AI > 18	Uninsured AI above 138% < 399% FPL	Assistance Sites	Projected number of Outreach & Education encounters	Projected Enrollment of Eligible AI	AVG Proj enroll per site	Assisters (30) and CACs (10)
Bernalillo County	21,170	6,498	2,599	3	2,599	785	262	12
San Juan County - Farmington only	31,450	17,565	8,638	1	300	75	75	2
Rio Arriba, Taos, etc - Taos, Picuris, Ohkay Owingeh, Santa Clara, Jicarilla	6,438	2,399	1,175	2	1,175	295	148	5
Santa Fe & Los Alamos - Nambe, Tesuque, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso	3,010	1,160	583	1	583	146	146	2
Sandoval & Valencia - Cochiti, Santa Ana, Sandia, Zia, Jemez, Isleta, Kewa, San Felipe	12,996	5,369	2,458	4	2,458	737	184	10
Lincoln County, etc - Mescalero	1,292	620	91	1	91	23	23	1
McKinley & Cibola - Acoma, Laguna, Zuni & Gallup	41,956	22,987	10,669	3	2,002	601	200	8
TOTAL	118,312	56,598	26,213	15	9,208	2,662	69	40

Data Source	Census Bureau - 2008-2010 American Community Survey - Prepared by Kurt Menke
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Note: Navajo Nation to serve Navajo communities in McKinley, San Juan, and Sandoval Counties. NAPPR in partnership with NYC, will serve AI living in Farmington and Gallup

Background info on Picuris Pueblo from their RFI submission

- 324 Tribal Members
- 3,000 Pueblo Population
- 17,000 acres
- Works closely with Eight Northern Indian Pueblo's Council (ENIPC) providing services to Tribal Members. ENIPC provides funding to operate the Picuris Senior Center.
- They operate a diabetes program and have Community Health Representatives.
- Most tribal community members speak English; a few speak Tiwa.