



Next Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 19, 11am-1pm

September 2013

Tanoan Country Club

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“The Health Insurance Marketplace” - Speaker J.R. Damron, MD, FACR
(previously known as the Health Insurance Exchange)

The Patient Protection and [Affordable Care Act](#), or more commonly known as the ACA or Obamacare, is going to change the way we buy, use, and distribute healthcare. This oftentimes-polarizing issue is hot, morphing almost daily by interpretation and demagoguery on all sides. The only certainty may be the uncertainty and unforeseeable future of the ACA’s effect in the U.S.’s healthcare industry and overall economy. Predictions abound; many answers are yet to unfold.

The [Health Insurance Marketplace](#) is one of the major changes brought by the ACA. New Mexico is going to have its own unique brand of the [HIX](#). How will it impact you, your clients, residents or patients?

J.R. DAMRON, MD, FACR



Dr. Damron is an attending radiologist at [UNM, Health Science Center, School of Medicine](#) and teaches in the specialty of Clinical Mammography, overseeing radiology residents and providing lectures to medical students on state and federal healthcare policy issues.

Dr. Damron received his Medical Degree from [Indiana University](#), his Radiology training at the [Univ. of Kentucky](#) and [Nuclear Medicine Fellowship at the University of New Mexico](#). He is Board Certified in Radiology and Nuclear Medicine and is a Fellow in the [American College of Radiology](#).

Dr. Damron has been associated with numerous state and national professional organizations and boards and is the author of several peer-reviewed articles. He has received national awards from the American Cancer Society and the National Republican Congressional Committee.

He has served on numerous community boards, state committees and task forces and currently serves as Chairman of the [New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange Board](#) and also serves on the Boards of the [NM Coalition for Literacy](#) and the [St. Vincent Hospital Foundation](#). Dr. Damron has been intimately involved in the state legislative process for many years and was the Republican Nominee for Governor in 2006 and a candidate for Lt. Governor in 2010.

Dr. Damron is married to [Dr. Barbara Damron who is an Associate Professor in the School of Nursing and Cancer Researcher at UNM Cancer Center](#).

***NMACC To Go* optional homework*:**

[Wikipedia’s explanation](#)

[Supreme Court’s decision on the ACA](#)

[Henry J. Kaiser Foundation](#) [You Tube animated video](#)

[The Heritage Foundation](#)

[The New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange](#)

[Henry J. Kaiser Foundation](#) [State Exchange Profile: New Mexico](#)

[What are some of the under 30-some crowd thinking? Go to WoodysGamerTag](#)

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Raffle this month!

Tickets are just \$2 each or three for \$5, making our raffles a better buy than Powerball!

NMACC Partypacks: (open houses, social gatherings, verified hearsay...)

- Re-Grand Opening at [Emeritus at Sandia Springs](#), Tuesday, September 17th, 2-4:30 pm.
- Movie Night Thursday ["Bernie"](#) September 26, 5pm. Sponsored by French and A Good Goodbye. Discussion following. RSVP to [Vicki Wilmarth](#).
- [18th Annual PrimeTime 50+ EXPO](#), Embassy Suites Hotel, Wednesday, October 9, 8:30am-3:30pm. 80 vendors, health screenings, Patsy Cline impersonator. Free admission. For more, call 880-0470.

NMACC Snacks: (non-profit events/causes...)

[Walk to End Alzheimer's](#)—Albuquerque, Saturday, September 21, 8am registration.



NMACC Sac: (fast links to helpful educational tidbits)

- ECG's on your i-Phone? Check out [AliveCor's](#) product. An [App](#) is now available as well. This product's been out for some time but the app is new.
- Synergy Lunch & Learn: ["Ease Up—Make it Easy to Buy"](#) - NMACC Board Member Jim Myers speaking Thursday, September 12, 11:15-1pm. Go to [Register](#) to attend.
- [Women Make a Difference Monthly Networking Luncheon](#) "Lean in With Your Strengths" - featuring John Thurman - September 13, Tanoan Country Club, 11:30am - 1:05pm. More? Val Romero @ 362-8546
- Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce—[NM Health Insurance Exchange Breakfast](#), Friday, September 20, 7:30am
- [2013 Hispanic Heritage Luncheon](#), (Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 15-October 15) Friday, September 13, Sheraton Uptown Hotel
- [2013 Albuquerque & Bernalillo County Quick Guide to Senior Services](#)
- [CMSA—Rio Grande Chapter Conference](#), October 10-11, Albuquerque Marriott Hotel



NMACC Almanac: (internal calendar)

Please calendar: October 17, November 21, December 5 (evening)

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