



Next Meeting: Thurs., August 20, 11am-1pm

August 2015

[Tanoan Country Club](#)

Click logo to reveal link of this month's sponsors:



MCO THROWDOWN!

"The Obama administration asks Hollywood to work positive mentions of ObamaCare into its TV shows and movies. So AMCs new zombie drama is titled: "The Walking Dead But Not Due to Preexisting Conditions." – Conan O'Brien

There's been much said and much debated on the [ACA](#) - or more accurately, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act AND the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. Never had a chance to read it? Feel free to download that 955 page bad boy [here](#).

Centennial Care is the name of New Mexico's Medicaid program. The program began in January of 2014, with services provided by four managed care organizations, or MCOs - essentially insurance companies that contract with providers and medical facilities to provide healthcare services to members. New Mexico's MCOs are [Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NM](#), [Molina](#), [Presbyterian](#) and [United Healthcare](#). Services provided include physical health, behavioral health, long-term care and community benefits. Eligibility for all Medicaid programs requires that individuals meet certain federal guidelines. These include citizenship, residency and income requirements.

The [New Mexico Human Services Department](#) oversees Centennial Care as part of nearly a five billion dollar budget of state *and* federal funds and administers services to more than 800,000 low-income New Mexicans - just over 38% of the state's current population. According to the NMHSD, Medicaid makes up 18% of the state's general fund budget.

It's interesting to note that Native Americans may not have to enroll with an MCO. However, according to the NM Human Services Department, if they want or need a long-term care service that requires a nursing facility level of care, they need to select an MCO. In addition, if they have full coverage Medicare and Medicaid, they will also need to select an MCO.

Why is Centennial Care good for New Mexicans? According to the [NMHSD](#):

- It modernizes the Medicaid program without cutting back on eligibility or necessary services, or hurting our providers;
- It aligns incentives in the system so that all parties—the state, the plans, the providers and the recipients—are working towards the same goal of better health at less cost;
- It puts New Mexico among the leading states in the design and implementation of a modern, efficient Medicaid program; and
- It introduces "state of the art" techniques arrayed in a single, comprehensive system of care.

Related Hot Links:

[Centennial Care Overview](#) - New Mexico Human Services Department



NMACC to go continued

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



Silver Horizons New Mexico OPEN HOUSE will offer tours, hor d'oeuvres and beverages (and wine) on Wednesday, Aug. 26, from 5:30—7pm. 3540 Pan American NE, Suite B, 87107 (the frontage road east of I-25, between Candelaria and Comanche).

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

- The Macaroni & Cheese Festival, benefitting NM Cancer Center, will be Saturday, Aug. 22, from 1-5pm at the Anderson-Abruzzo International Balloon Museum. For more, go to www.themacandcheesefest.com. \$45/person.
- North Ridge Special Care Center "Spaghetti Take Out Dinner" - to benefit the [Walk to End Alzheimer's](#). Reserve your dinner today by calling 323-8800. \$10/person.
- [Decades & The Care Management Group of New Mexico](#) BBQ to benefit Alzheimer's Association of New Mexico, Friday, August 28, from 11:30-1pm in their parking lot, 6121 Indian School Rd. NE. \$6/person.



NMACC Sac: (fast links to helpful educational tidbits)



- [Women Make a Difference Happy Hour! Tonight](#), from 4:30-7:30pm, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. \$15/person - reservations required (click on link above). Val Romero - 362-8546.
- Lovelace Senior Summit, Tuesday, Sept. 8, from 8:30-11:30am, Manzano Multi-Generational Center. For more information, contact [Megan Oblack](#) at 727-5501.

September is "Stop Senior Hunger Month"

During the month of September, Comfort Keepers, the City of Albuquerque Dept. of Senior Affairs, and Silver Horizons are working to raise awareness for this growing epidemic that impacts millions of older Americans trying to remain healthy and independent. Join us with your non-perishable food donation at the city-wide Stop Senior Hunger locations at area Senior/Multigenerational Centers, Comfort Keepers offices, Presbyterian hospitals, Walgreens locations and - perhaps your organization.

To learn more about senior nutrition and how you can participate in the Stop Senior Hunger events city-wide, call Comfort Keepers @ 232-7070, Dept. of Senior Affairs @ 764-6400 or Silver Horizons New Mexico @ 884-3881.

Stop Senior
HUNGER

Sept. 1: Kick-Off - Free Boxes of Food at Presbyterian's Farmer's Market.

Sept. 5: Free boxes of food - Downtown Grower's Market, Robinson Park.

Sept. 16: Free Shopping Day at Silver Horizons NM.

Sept 26: "Stuff the Bus" from 10-noon @ Cottonwood Mall and 2-4pm at Coronado Center.

Sept. 29: Mayor Berry's Press Conference at Silver Horizons New Mexico

"NMACC To Go" Submissions for announcements of any kind will

be published the month of the event, unless the event scheduled occurs before the date of distribution. For accuracy,

"Series" events (regular meetings) must be submitted monthly. Deadline for next edition: **September 7, 2015**

Please provide a link **and** email contact/phone number to your activity/event. Send submissions to: [NMACC to go](#)

Want to find out more about NMACC? Go to [New Mexico Association for Continuity of Care](#). Attend the luncheon? Go to ["Calendar of Events"/NOTE](#).

NMACC to go is the board-approved E-newsletter of the New Mexico Association for Continuity of Care. Submissions are open to current members in good standing of NMACC.

The NMACC board and its designates are solely responsible for final content and editing.

Copyright 2015