

# NEW MEXICO'S HOSPITALS:

*Lifesaving Care | Quality Jobs | Stronger New Mexico Economy*



*Caring for Patients  
and Our Communities<sup>1</sup>:*

• Provided **190,487**  
hospitalizations

• Delivered **25,985**  
newborns

• Provided **\$389 million** in  
charity and uncompensated care

## STRENGTHENING OUR ECONOMY

Hospitals are a major driver of our state's economy, contributing direct and indirect jobs and income through purchase of local goods and services.



*Direct and indirect jobs:*  
**64,000<sup>2</sup>**



*Direct and indirect labor  
income (wages, salaries,  
benefits):* **\$3.02 billion<sup>3</sup>**



*Total impact of hospital  
expenditures on state  
economic output:*  
**\$6.8 billion<sup>4</sup>**

## FUELING GROWTH IN JOBS AND WAGES<sup>5</sup>



Hospitals continue to add high quality jobs at a time when overall growth has slowed and unemployment remains high.

*Since 2005: Hospital jobs  
increased by nearly*

**22%**

*Jobs across all  
industries increased by*

**3%**

**\$803**

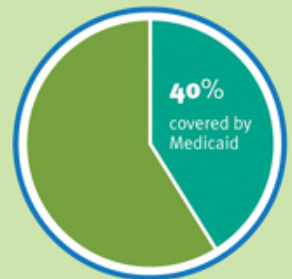
*Average weekly wage  
across all industries*

**\$1,146**

*Average hospital  
weekly wage*

## IMPORTANT PROGRESS, BUT CHALLENGES REMAIN

In 2014, New Mexico made the important decision to expand Medicaid, reducing the financial burden for hospitals and patients.



- 40 percent covered by Medicaid
- 236,000 newly eligible<sup>6</sup>

### Critical challenges remain:

- 1 in 5 New Mexicans live in poverty – highest rate in the nation<sup>7</sup>
- High costs due to obesity, chronic disease, substance abuse and violence
- 298,000 New Mexicans still uninsured<sup>8</sup>
- Patients with high-deductible plans struggle to pay medical bills, adding to hospital bad debt



**298,000**  
New Mexicans  
are still  
uninsured

## A SOUND INVESTMENT IN OUR FUTURE

New Mexico depends on services, jobs and other benefits provided by hospitals. We urge policymakers to build on the solid foundation established with expansion of Medicaid and support continued funding for this and other vital health programs.

<sup>1</sup> NMHA Four Facts 2015 Mid-Year Update and NM Dept of Health, 2014 Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data

<sup>2,3</sup> NM Department of Workforce Solutions and BUREAU for New Mexico 2013 American Hospital Association, *Chartbook 2013: Impact of Community Hospitals on U.S. Economy: All States, DC, and Total U.S., 2013*

<sup>4</sup> NM Department of Workforce Solutions

<sup>5</sup> Monthly Medicaid Eligibility Report, Dec. 2015, US Census Bureau and NM Legislative Finance Committee Report: *Uncompensated Care in New Mexico After the Affordable Care Act*

<sup>7</sup> US Census Bureau

<sup>8</sup> US Census Bureau



**New Mexico  
Hospital Association**

*Lifesaving Care.  
Economic Lifeblood.*

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