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Scroll to - Join the 9 Major Health Care Worker Interstate Compacts!

Interstate Compacts to Bring in More Health Care Workers Pass Committees

This package of nine bills would make it much easier for physicians, physician assistants, psychologists, counselors, dentists and dental hygienists, emergency medical personnel, audiologists and speech therapists, physical therapists, and occupational therapists licensed by other states to care for New Mexico patients - including via telehealth. **Encourage your legislators to support these bills!**

Passed house committees- and moving to a floor vote

- House Bill 79 for audiologists and speech therapists
- House Bill 81 for occupational therapists
- House Bill 82 for physical therapists

Passed 1st House committee and moving to 2nd committee

- House Bill 243 for physicians
- House Bill 242 for psychologists
- House Bill 217 for counselors

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Scroll to -Establish a Permanent Fund for Health Care!

Permanent Trust Fund for Medicaid Passes First Committee

This past week, Senate Bill 88 to establish a \$2 billion permanent trust fund for Medicaid passed the Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee and is now headed to Senate Finance. **Encourage your legislators to support Senate Bill 88!**

This fund will help New Mexico significantly raise the reimbursement rates for health care providers who treat patients insured under Medicaid, which covers nearly half of all New Mexicans. Increasing those reimbursement rates will help New Mexico recruit and retain more doctors. New Mexico has a higher proportion of patients insured by Medicaid than any other state, and Medicaid often pays them less than the cost of providing treatment.