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NMMRA Elects New Member to Its Board of Directors

Albuquerque — At its January board of directors' meeting, the New Mexico Medical Review Association (NMMRA) announced the appointment of Lucrecia Jaramillo, JD, as a new director to its board.

Jaramillo, a resident of Albuquerque, is a staff attorney with the New Mexico Senior Citizens' Law Office (SCLO). In that capacity, she represents clients in consumer, landlord/tenant, Medicare/Medicaid/Social Security, quality of care and autonomy issues, having successfully appealed many cases over the past two years. She has been a member of NMMRA's Consumer Advisory Council since 2007 and also represents SCLO with the Albuquerque Aligning Forces for Quality initiative funded by a grant to NMMRA from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

"In addition to her legal expertise, Lucrecia further strengthens NMMRA's commitment on behalf of consumers, especially our senior citizens in the state," said Dan Jaco, NMMRA chief executive officer.

Officers of the NMMRA board of directors include: Don Seelinger, MD—President (Albuquerque); Stephen Haynes, MD, MPH—Vice President (Clovis); and Annie Jung, MEd—Secretary-Treasurer (Albuquerque).

Other members of the board include: Danny Burnett, MEd (Albuquerque); Janet Carbary, MBA (Carlsbad); Charlene Casados, RN, BS (Albuquerque); Sambaiah Kankanala, MD (Hobbs); Richard Kozoll, MD, MPH (Cuba); John Lundy, MD (Deming); Ophelia Rinaldi, MSW (Bernalillo); and Anne Simpson, MD, CMD (Albuquerque).

NMMRA is a not-for-profit, physician-sponsored organization that is New Mexico's federally contracted Medicare Quality Improvement Organization and External Quality Review Organization for Medicaid. The organization works with health care providers, consumer and health care organizations, and state and federal agencies to improve the quality of health care in New Mexico.