

# News Release

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## **NMMRA Recognized as Community Leader for Value-Driven Health Care**

Albuquerque, NM—Michael Leavitt, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) officially recognized the New Mexico Medical Review Association (NMMRA) as a community leader for value-driven health care for its dedication to the transformation of the U.S. health care system.

The Secretary acknowledged significant action taken and commitment to promote the use of interoperable health information technology, support the provision of quality and price information, and to foster the delivery of high quality and cost efficient care through programs and incentives, all of which contributes to a value-driven health care system that delivers continued progress in medical care and good health for all New Mexicans.

NMMRA continues to share its knowledge both locally and nationally in support of these initiatives. “We are pleased by the formal recognition from the Secretary,” said Dan Jaco, NMMRA’s chief executive officer. “Of the 117 organizations formally recognized across the country by HHS, NMMRA is the only organization in N.M. to receive this recognition,” Jaco noted.

NMMRA is a not-for-profit, physician-sponsored organization that is New Mexico’s federally contracted Medicare Quality Improvement Organization and Medicaid External Quality Review Organization. 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.

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