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Pat Montoya to Head New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence Board *NMMRA New Business Director Serving as President of Board of Directors*

Albuquerque, NM—The New Mexico Medical Review Association (NMMRA) congratulates Patricia Montoya, RN, MPA, on her recent election as president of the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence Board of Directors for 2009-10. Through collaborative partnerships, the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence advocates for the nursing resources necessary to meet the health care needs of the people of New Mexico. According to the center, its strength lies in the diversity of its Board of Directors, which consists of nurse executives, nurse educators, nursing associations, and other stakeholders representing all of New Mexico. This diverse gathering of nursing leaders and stakeholders results in a broad, more inclusive agenda and coordinated priorities for limited resources.

Montoya has been NMMRA's director of new business and government relations since May 2008. She has been with NMMRA since 2005, managing activities with physician practices regarding the adoption of electronic health record systems, including e-prescribing capabilities; the assessment and enhancement of clinical skills relating to cultural competency; and continued quality improvement activities surrounding diabetes care, screening mammography, and influenza and pneumococcal immunizations.



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NMMRA director of new
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Prior to joining NMMRA, she was the cabinet secretary of the New Mexico Department of Health, leading and managing more than 3,900 employees and a budget of approximately \$450 million. Other prior positions include commissioner of the Children, Youth and Families Administration and regional director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Dallas region; practice manager for Presbyterian Family Healthcare; and executive director for New Mexico Health Resources. She holds a master's degree in public administration/health administration from the University of New Mexico and maintains active licensure as a registered nurse.

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.