



## State/Territory Report

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### **Projects/Issues Addressed This Year:**

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Starting May 2009, NM mobilized the ICS. Public Health Division took the lead for vaccine distribution and administration. As of April 30, 2010, data collected in the NM immunization Registry (NMSIIS) reports 276,664 initial doses were administered. Fifty Public Health Offices held a total of 1004 clinics/PODS, and 983 private providers and health care practices had agreements with NMDOH to receive and administer vaccine to their clients! In the midst of a budget crunch and hiring freeze of over a year, everyone felt this response was an incredible accomplishment. Part of the state After-Action-Report is a survey of all staff, providers, and state residents to solicit feedback and suggestions for future events.

The Billing and Electronic Health Record system is up and running at all 50+ local health offices. Plans are underway to develop standardized training modules for the system applications. An upgrade by the end-of-the-year is planned. Local management staff is becoming increasingly more competent in monitoring their activities with the reporting capabilities of BEHR.

### **Projects/Issues Pending:**

Public Health leadership is involved in planning discussions to revise the state Medicaid system. Careful consideration is needed due to the implications of underfunded mandates and health care reform.

### **Issues & Special Concerns for Public Health Nursing:**

Staffing the 50+ offices for all the existing programs is undergoing stiff scrutiny. Federal program funds are shrinking; the state budget for the Dept. of Health has been slashed; and a statewide hiring freeze has been in effect since November 2008.