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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Hidalgo Medical Services Proud to Participate Once Again in This Year’s Discover Hidalgo Event**

Silver City, NM (October 24, 2017) – Last weekend, employees of Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS) volunteered their time and provided free health screenings to the Hidalgo County community. Free health screenings and informational community resources were provided by HMS Family Medicine Residency Program physicians, HMS Medical Services staff, HMS Dental Services employees, HMS Mental Health Services team members, and HMS Family Support Services employees.

“Discover Hidalgo is always such a fun community event – for the whole family. HMS is very proud to have participated, once again, in this year’s Discover Hidalgo activities as a sponsor, with informational tables, and by offering the leadership of our knowledgeable staff” stated Dan Otero, HMS Chief Executive Officer. Added Otero, “Hidalgo County has been, and always will be, at the heart of who HMS is as an nonprofit healthcare community organization. The amount of community resources that our amazing, service line staff shared with Discover Hidalgo participants this year truly was impressive.”

Please visit [www.hmsnm.org](http://www.hmsnm.org) to learn more about HMS services, providers, and locations.

PHOTOS (please see attached)

Some of the HMS employees who volunteered for this year’s Discover Hidalgo health-related screenings and community resource activities.



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**Hidalgo Medical Services Free Flu Vaccination Drive-Through Clinics to Take Place on Saturday, November 4**

Silver City, NM (October 30, 2017) Free flu vaccinations will be administered on a first come, first served basis to adults during this year's Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS) community drive-through clinics in both Hidalgo and Grant Counties. For over 10 years, HMS has distributed free flu vaccines to the residents of southwestern New Mexico.

**LOCATIONS AND TIMES OF FREE HMS VACCINATION CLINICS**

**SILVER CITY Drive-Through Flu Vaccination Clinic**

**Saturday, November 4, 2017**

**9:00am to 12:00noon**

**HMS Silver City Community Health Center (1007 N. Pope Street)**

**Vehicle entrance will be directly off of Pope Street**

**LORDSBURG Drive-Through Flu Vaccination Clinic**

**Saturday, November 4, 2017**

**9:00am to 12:00noon**

**HMS Lordsburg Clinic (530 E. DeMoss Street)**

**Vehicle entrance will be directly off of E. DeMoss Street**

Please call (888) 271-3596 for more information about this year's HMS free flu vaccination drive-through clinics.



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**HMS Family Medicine Residency Program Receives Continued Reaccreditation Through the ACGME**

Silver City, NM (October 31, 2017) – The Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS) Family Medicine Residency Program was notified recently that it has received continued accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). The ACGME is an independent, not-for-profit,

physician-led organization that sets and monitors the national professional educational standards essential in preparing physicians to deliver safe, high-quality medical care. The ACGME accreditation process for programs and sponsoring institutions, such as HMS, includes periodic on-site visits to assess compliance with ACGME program and institutional requirements.

“On behalf of the HMS Family Medicine Residency Program, we are very proud to have received this continued accreditation status from the ACGME,” stated Darrick Nelson, MD, HMS Chief Medical Officer and Family Medicine Residency Program Director. Added Nelson, “HMS Family Medicine Residency Program faculty and resident physicians provide regular, primary healthcare services to HMS patients and clients. I am very grateful for the exemplary efforts of our team. It is a true honor to lead the HMS Family Medicine Residency Program – each and every day.”

“As a regional and national leader on many levels, the HMS Family Medicine Residency Program is a true benefit to HMS and the communities that we serve,” stated Dan Otero, HMS Chief Executive Officer. “HMS family medicine resident physicians complete extensive training beyond medical school in order to be able to provide the best possible patient care. Thanks to the continued support of other southwestern New Mexico providers, Dr. Nelson encourages excellence and innovation and provides an environment of quality patient care and safety through our Family Medicine Residency Program,” added Otero.

As Hidalgo and Grant Counties’ only federally qualified community health center, HMS provides healthcare services to more than 16,000 individuals every year. To learn more about the ACGME, please visit <http://www.acgme.org>. To learn more about the HMS Family Medicine Residency Program, please visit <http://www.hmsnm.org/family-medicine-residency-program>.

#### PHOTO CAPTION:

Pictured from left to right: Dan Otero, HMS CEO, Dr. Neal Bowen, HMS CMHO and Behavior Health Faculty, Dr. Kristan Diaz-Rios, Associate Program Director, Amanda Castillo, Program Coordinator, Dr. Neel Patel, Third Year Resident, Dr. Darrick Nelson, HMS CMO & FMRP Program Director, Dr. Susan Bauer, Second Year Resident, Dr. Virginia Hernandez, Core Faculty, Dr. Brandon Ferguson, Third Year Resident, and Dr. Pedro Armendariz, Second Year Resident.

Not Pictured: Dr. Roberto Aguero and Dr. Rory Keys, both first year residents located in Las Cruces.