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### **2017 Hidalgo Medical Services Excellence Award Recipients Named at Recent HMS Winter Gala**

Silver City, NM (December 14, 2017) The 2nd Annual 2017 HMS Winter Gala took place last Saturday at the Grant County Veteran's Memorial Business & Conference Center. Thank you to every HMS employee and HMS Board of Directors member who participated in this year's event. The HMS Winter Gala was well-attended and feedback regarding the event has been very positive.

Congratulations to all 2017 HMS Excellence Award Recipients! The recipients (in attendance or not) recognized for their years of service include:

*Carmen Acosta - Board Trustee*  
*Audrey Coward - Administration*  
*Dr. Adrian Fletcher - Dentist*  
*Paula Jenkins - Dental Hygienist*  
*Marisol Chavez - Dental Assistant*  
*Dr. Brandon Ferguson - Family Medicine Resident*  
*Dr. Forrest Henry - Physician*  
*Kyle Rice - Nurse Practitioner*  
*Clifton Rogers - Physician Assistant*  
*Donna Mason - Registered Nurse*  
*Dusti Conover - Medical Assistant*  
*Nick Burkos - Radiation Technologist*  
*Donna Caires - Mental Health Provider*  
*Johnny Flores - Mental Health Support Services*  
*Marsha Rippetoe - Family Support Services*  
*Rosa Rodriguez - Senior Center Services*  
*Martha Mortensen - Finance*  
*Carla Diaz - Information Systems*  
*Ismelda Sanchez - Patient Financial Services (Billing)*  
*Jessica Ortega - Operation/Patient Specialist*  
*Corrine Flores - Credentialing*  
*John Taylor - Maintenance*  
*Joseph Chaires - Leadership Award*  
*Jackie Ramirez - Hidalgo County Excellence Award*  
*Pat Nesbitt - Grant County Excellence Award AND HMS Presidents Award*

A special "thank you" to the HMS C.A.R.E. Team and Winter Gala Planning Committee for helping to make the event such a success:

*Cathy Diaz*  
*Kristi Apodaca*  
*Evelyn Montes*  
*Amanda Frost*

*Cathie Knight  
Amanda Castillo  
Donna Sandoval  
Veronica Heller  
Jessica Rodriguez  
Frida Gonzalez  
Debra Wetzel  
Albert Diaz  
Ryan Young  
Diana Temple  
Raquel De Los Santos  
Audrey Coward  
Belinda Scott*

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2017 HMS Excellence Award recipients in attendance at the 2017 HMS Winter Gala.

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**Hidalgo Medical Services Announces Changes in Its Hours of Operation at HMS Animas, Cliff-Gila and Mimbres Valley Locations**

Silver City, NM (December 26, 2017) Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS) is proud to offer comprehensive primary care services in some of Hidalgo and Grant counties' most remote locations. "For many years, HMS has provided medical services to the communities of Animas, Cliff-Gila, and Mimbres," stated Dan Otero, HMS Chief Executive Officer.

Added Otero, "However, there are periods of time when provider coverage for these remote areas becomes scarce, which leads to unforeseen changes in our clinic office hours. Kyle Rice, CNP, HMS Family Nurse Practitioner, has accepted a new career opportunity outside of HMS, and Jill Steidl, PA-C, HMS Certified Physician Assistant, will be serving as the primary health care provider at both the HMS Cliff-Gila Community Health Center and the HMS Mimbres Valley Clinic during this transition. We will miss Kyle and his inspiring leadership, and wish him the very best in his endeavors. We thank Jill very much for her willingness to support these communities on behalf of our patients' and the community's needs."

Beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2018, the HMS Cliff-Gila Community Health Center hours will be reduced from five days a week to three days a week. The HMS Cliff-Gila Community Health Center will be open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additionally, the HMS Mimbres Valley Clinic hours of operation will be reduced from three days a week to two days a week. Beginning

Tuesday, January 2, 2018, the HMS Mimbres Valley Clinic will be open every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Otero said, "We hope that these HMS clinic schedule adjustments will be temporary. We are confident that these hours will meet the current demand within these communities, based on historical HMS patient volumes (encounters). The HMS mission of providing comprehensive, integrated, and affordable health care to the communities that we serve drives my decision-making each and every day."

In an effort to meet the increasing community health care needs within Hidalgo County, the HMS Animas Valley Clinic will be open every Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

For more information about HMS services, providers, or locations, please visit [www.hmsnm.org](http://www.hmsnm.org). If you have any questions about these changes, please contact Kathy-Lyn Allen Pacheco, HMS Director of Marketing and Recruitment, at [info@hmsnm.org](mailto:info@hmsnm.org) or (575) 597-2727.