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Free Flu Vaccination Drive-Through Clinic in Lordsburg a Great Success

Silver City, NM (October 5, 2016) A total of 262 flu vaccinations were administered by multiple Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS) providers, medical staff, and support staff at this year’s free, drive-through clinic. The clinic was held this past Saturday at the HMS Lordsburg Clinic from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

HMS has distributed free flu vaccines to the residents of southwestern New Mexico for over 10 years. “The HMS Medical Services team coordinated this free flu vaccination clinic in an effort to provide more accessible influenza immunizations to our community,” stated Darrick Nelson, MD, HMS Chief Medical Officer and Family Medicine Residency Program Director. “We were very impressed with the number of community members who participated in this year’s free flu clinic in Lordsburg,” added Nelson.

Please call HMS at (888) 271-3596 for more information or to schedule your family’s appointment today.



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Hidalgo Medical Services to Open Newly-Expanded College Street Plaza Business Office in Silver City

Silver City, NM (October 10, 2016) – Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS), Grant and Hidalgo counties’ only Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), will open its newly-expanded Business Office at 301 W. College Avenue, Suite 18, in the Silver City College Street Plaza on Monday, October 17, 2017.

The new HMS Business Office will be conveniently located within walking distance from the HMS Silver City Community Health Center (1007 N. Pope Street) and HMS Administrative Offices (1105 N. Pope Street). “We are very excited about this addition, and intend to provide more accessible services to current and prospective patients, clients, and employees at the HMS College Street Plaza Business Office,” stated Dan Otero, HMS Chief Executive Officer.

HMS departments and staff to be housed at the College Street Plaza location include Billing Services,

Information Systems, and Human Resources. Anyone interested in submitting a completed HMS employment application is encouraged to do so at the new Business Office. Over the past year, HMS has seen increases in growth at its 13 locations in southwestern New Mexico.

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HRSA Site Visit Provides Understanding of HMS Family Medicine Residency Program Community Impact

Silver City, NM (October 24, 2016) – Marshala Lee, MD, MPH, Branch Chief of Graduate Medical Education, Division of Medicine and Dentistry, at the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), and Delbert Thomas, Public Health Analyst at the Bureau of Health Workforce, a bureau of HRSA, completed a site visit to Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS) in June 2016.

“The purpose of the site visit was to provide the Division of Medicine and Dentistry’s Graduate Medical Education Branch staff with an opportunity to gain a thorough understanding of the Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS) Family Medicine Residency Program, and the impact that it has had on surrounding communities,” stated Tonya Twyman, MS, CHES, Project Officer at HRSA. “Site visits are important because they provide us with more knowledge about the programs that are supported by the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME) award,” added Twyman.

According to the final site visit report, HRSA representatives would like to learn more about HMS’ proposed state model for Graduate Medical Education (GME) financing. “It is very gratifying to know that HRSA and other national entities continue to document the ongoing successes of the HMS Family Medicine Residency Program,” stated Darrick Nelson, MD, HMS Chief Medical Officer and Family Medicine Residency Program Director. “HMS is extremely pleased to have been selected as a model program during this recent HRSA site visit. HMS will continue to pursue innovative solutions to providing accessible and patient-centered healthcare throughout the rural and frontier communities that we serve,” added Dan Otero, HMS Chief Executive Officer.

To learn more about HRSA, please visit www.hrsa.gov. To learn more about HMS, please visit www.hmsnm.org.



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Hidalgo Medical Services and Life Quest, Inc. Partnership to Offer Free Hearing Screenings to Children 5 Years of Age and Under in Silver City

Silver City, NM (October 27, 2016) A FREE hearing screening event for children 5 years of age and under will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 from 9:30am to 2:00pm at the Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS) Community Health Center at 1007 N. Pope Street in Silver City. Life Quest, Inc. and HMS are partnering to cosponsor this inaugural community event to encourage hearing screenings.

According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services National Institutes of Health, “the most intensive period of speech and language development is during the first three years of life — a period when a child’s brain is developing and maturing. If a child is not exposed to language during this period due to hearing loss, he or she will have more difficulty developing spoken or signed language, and reading skills.”

WHAT: A **FREE** hearing screening event for children ages 0-5 years of age

WHEN: Tuesday, November 8, 2016 from 9:30am to 2:00pm

WHERE: HMS Community Health Center (1007 N. Pope Street – Silver City)

CALL: (575) 388-3681 for more information

No appointments are necessary. Hearing screening services will be provided on a walk-in basis. Each hearing screening should take approximately 15 minutes.

“Life Quest is a viable part of and resource to the overall community. We serve as a bridge to resources for those Life Quest serves and other agencies, such as HMS, that serve them,” stated Debra Frasca, Life Quest, Inc. Chief Executive Officer. “HMS will continue to collaborate with Life Quest, and other community partners throughout Hidalgo and Grant counties, to meet our mission of positively impacting the health, well-being and quality of life for those we serve,” added Dan Otero, HMS Chief Executive Officer.

HMS and Life Quest, Inc. employees will be on hand at the November 8 hearing screening event to provide additional, free community resources and other outreach information to event attendees. To learn more about Life Quest, Inc., please visit <http://lifequestnm.org>. Please visit www.hmsnm.org to learn more about HMS.