

# Health Care is a Human Right

## Support an amendment to the New Mexico Constitution

State Senator Jerry Ortiz y Pino will introduce an amendment to recognize health care as a human right during the 2011 session of the New Mexico legislator.

It will read as follows:

“Health care is a fundamental right that is an essential safeguard of human life and dignity, and the state shall ensure that every resident is able to realize this right by establishing a comprehensive system of quality health care that is accessible to each resident on an equitable basis, regardless of ability to pay.”

## Sign the Petition

HealthRightNM is gathering signatures to support this amendment to the state constitution. The signatures will be delivered to state lawmakers during the 2011 legislative session.

Visit [HealthRightNM.org](http://HealthRightNM.org) and click ‘Sign’ – thank you for your support!

## Call Your Legislators

HealthRightNM encourages you to contact your state senator and representative and ask them to support this amendment. For more info visit [HealthRightNM.org](http://HealthRightNM.org)

To find your representative call: 505.986.4300

Please let us know after you call [HealthRightNM@gmail.com](mailto:HealthRightNM@gmail.com)

# Attend Rally

- When:** Friday, February 25, 2011  
Rain or shine
- What:** Human Rights Day Rally for Amendment
- Where:** The Steps of the Roundhouse  
Old Santa Fe Trail & Paseo de Peralta in Santa Fe
- Attire:** Healthcare professionals, please wear your scrubs, and/or white coats – show provider support
- Why:** To urge the Legislature to support the amendment
- Schedule:** Rally on the Rails -- Join us on the NM Rail Runner Express to Santa Fe
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| Gather at ABQ Downtown RR Station | 10:00 am     |
| Leave ABQ Downtown RR Station     | 10:35 am     |
| Arrive at Santa Fe Depot          | 12:15 pm     |
| Press/Media Conference            | 1:30 pm      |
| Rally/Lobbying                    | 2:00-3:30 pm |

Endorsed by: Network of Health Professionals for a National Health Program (NHP<sup>2</sup>), New Mexico Public Health Association (NMPHA), Health Action NM, League of Women Voters New Mexico, Native Health Initiative, The New Mexico Health Equity Working Group, NM Council of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Albuquerque Ministerial Alliance, Gray Panthers, Youth Women United & La Raza Unida Party Organizing Committee