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County Indigent Funds (CIF) provide access to health care for the medically indigent, people with available assets and/or income sufficient to support themselves and their household, but who normally are unable to pay the cost of some or all health care. Twenty-nine counties in New Mexico maintain CIFs. Each year the New Mexico Health Policy Commission monitors CIF activity through survey. The latest survey requested data from State Fiscal Year 1998 (SFY 98), which covered the period July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998. All 29 CIF counties completed the survey.

The CIF counties began the year with \$8.9 million in fund balances. They collected revenues just under \$24 million and expended about \$24.1 million. The counties ended the year with \$8.7 million in fund balances. These figures compare closely with SFY 97 revenues (\$23 million) and expenditures (\$22.3 million).

Revenue sources included:

- County gross receipts taxes (\$23.1 million)
- County general fund transfers (\$32,200), and
- Other revenues (\$769,600).

Expenditures included:

- County Supported Medicaid Fund (\$7.1 million)
- Sole Community Provider Fund (\$4.2 million)
- Administration (\$1.2 million)
- Provider Claims (\$7.8 million)
- Contracted Services (\$2.6 million), and
- Other Expenses (\$1.2 million)

The 24 counties with CIFs plus Socorro and Lincoln counties transferred \$4.4 million to the Sole Community Provider Fund. The county funds were then matched with \$11.7 million in federal funds. Through the Sole Community Provider Fund, over \$16 million was returned to local hospitals to provide services to approximately 8,100 indigent individuals. The \$16.4 million contributed by all counties to the County Supported Medicaid Fund generated approximately \$44.4 million in federal matching funds resulting in \$60.8 million for New Mexico health care services.

Over 41,400 individuals, including those receiving services through the Sole Community Provider Fund program, representing 51,558 claims, received services through county indigent funds. Eligibility criteria vary widely among counties. Only two counties have a residency requirement less than the 90-day statutory maximum. Twenty-four counties extend eligibility to legal immigrants and 57% permit undocumented residents access to their CIF. Over half of the counties use either 100% or 150% of New Mexico Per Capita Income as their income index. However, income limits range from a low of 50% of New Mexico Per Capita Income to 240% of the Federal Poverty Level. Most counties consider assets, but the types of assets and dollar value limits vary between counties. All counties screen for Medicaid eligibility through a variety of mechanisms.

The range of covered medical care services varies widely among counties. Most extend coverage to hospital care and ambulance service. About half cover prenatal care, primary care and rehabilitation services; however, the number covering primary care decreased in SFY 98. Coverage is limited or restricted for most services. Some counties reimburse providers 100 percent, while others reimburse a portion of charges, such as 80 percent. Only three counties do not cover medical care received in another county. Thirteen counties reimburse for care provided in another state. Twenty-three extend indigent health care on a first come, first served basis. In a few counties hospitals are given first priority.

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## Introduction

New Mexico is a relatively poor state. According to the Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER), New Mexico's per capita income stood at just \$19,936 in 1998. During this time, only Mississippi and West Virginia experienced per capita income levels below New Mexico's. The U.S. per capita income in 1998 was \$26,412, about 32.5% higher. These statistics and others portray a state where many of its residents confront comparably low annual salaries and higher than average rates of unemployment and poverty.

For some New Mexico residents, health care is available through private or company-sponsored health insurance plans. Medicare is available for the elderly and Medicaid is at hand for selected vulnerable people (e.g., children, disabled), limited groups in poverty, and other households that qualify. Individuals without resources are provided medically necessary care (Charity Care) by hospitals, clinics and private providers. The medically indigent are persons and families with available assets and/or income sufficient to support themselves and their household, but who are unable to pay the cost of some or all of their medical care.

Medically indigent persons in New Mexico can receive health care in participating counties through the County Indigent Fund (CIF). Two state statutes govern county indigent health care: the "County Local Option Gross Receipts Tax Act," and the "Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act." These laws allow counties to impose local taxes to pay for indigent health care and establish guidelines for indigent health care. CIF participation is not mandated by legislation. Twenty-nine out of the 33 New Mexico counties now maintain County Indigent Funds. Catron, Harding, Lincoln, and Socorro counties do not.

In 1997, amendments to the Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act were passed that impacted the County Indigent Fund for SFY 98. The new legislation allows counties to use a portion of administrative funds for county and multi-county health planning; expands the definition of health care services; imposes time-frame limits on county claim payments; and authorizes counties to contract with providers for the provision of health services.

The CIF Health Care Survey (See Appendix A) was the main source of data for this review. All but one county, Socorro, returned a CIF survey report in time for processing. All 29 CIF counties responded.

This report is a review of CIF activity for SFY 98. In this Section, summary tables and graphs give an overview of survey findings and recent trends. More specific details for SFY 98 follow in Sections II through V.

Section II focuses on CIF finances, illustrating revenues, expenditures and balances. Claims and numbers of persons served are addressed in Section III. The various eligibility criteria and requirements for indigent persons are considered in Section IV. Section V discusses provider, services and reimbursement methodology.

A caution before reviewing the numbers compiled from the county health care survey. A careful look at the survey data revealed reporting inconsistencies. Most counties completed the survey in full with little or no apparent error. Others, however, returned surveys that contained errors, unexplained omissions and/or inconsistencies. Most significantly, a few counties provided total reimbursement payments that did not match the reimbursement numbers given elsewhere in their survey. Contacts with many counties resolved some, but not all deficiencies.

Another difficulty was the different record categories used by counties. Some did not separate accounts for inpatient and outpatient hospital care. A few others combined drug and alcohol rehabilitation or combined primary care with other services such as prenatal care, pharmacy and/or dental. Some counties included mental health care under the Sole Community Provider Program. This means presented totals do not account for all mental health care cases.

## Overview

Table 1-1 offers a summary look at the CIF in SFY 98. Total revenues and expenditure were just under \$24 million and \$24.2 million, respectively, with an estimated 41,444 persons receiving indigent health care from Sole Community Provider Hospitals and other providers/services. These totals compare with SFY 97 revenues of \$22.9 million and expenditures totaling \$22.3 million. Total reimbursements to health care providers and for contracted services were over \$10.4 million.

All but two counties have 90-day residency requirements and almost all do not impose age restrictions for health care service. About 55% of the counties use New Mexico per capita income, either at the 100 and/or 150 percent rate, as their index for calculating maximum allowable household incomes. A majority also adjusted allowable income levels according to family size. Nearly 83% consider available health insurance and assistance in their eligibility criteria and only five counties changed one or more elements in their overall eligibility criteria in SFY 98.

Eight of 16 listed health care providers or services (nursing home, hospice, home care, prenatal, dental, health outreach, preventive care and prescription drugs) are covered by less than half of the CIF counties. Over 75% reimburse inpatient/outpatient hospital care and ground ambulance services. Just over half covered the remaining five listed provider and/or service categories.

Table 1-1  
County Indigent Fund Summary: SFY 98

Survey Findings	<i>Amount or Number or Percent of 29 CIF Counties</i>
Beginning total balance (7/1/97)	\$8,903,713
Total revenues	\$23,915,693
Total expenditures	\$24,123,884
End of year total balance (6/30/98)	\$8,695,522
Total reimbursed for individual claims	\$7,793,200
Total paid to contract providers	\$2,662,600
Estimated total number of persons served via payments to providers	21,809
Estimated total number of persons served via payments to contractors	19,635
Estimated total number of rejected claims	1,905
Counties:	<b>Number &amp; %</b>
with 90 day residency requirement	27 (93.1%)
allowing service to indigent undocumented residents	16 (55.2%)
without age restrictions for receiving benefits	27 (93.1%)
Counties:	<b>Number &amp; %</b>
with 100% and/or 150% NM PCI maximum household income criteria	16 (55.2%)
adjusting maximum income criteria by number persons in household	19 (65.5%)

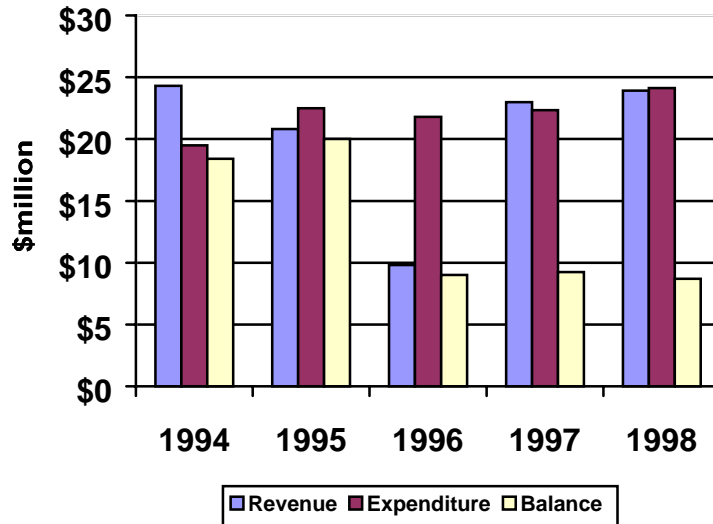
median maximum household allowable income for 4 person household that include liquid assets in eligibility criteria	\$23,547 16 (55.2%)
that also consider other health insurance, Medicare, other assistance without additional eligibility requirements	24 (82.8%)
that have initiated contracts with providers	24 (82.8%)
that have not changed their criteria in SFY 98	9 (31.0%) 24 (82.8%)
<b>Counties that cover the following services:</b>	
	<b>Number &amp; %</b>
Inpatient Hospital	27 (93.1%)
Outpatient Hospital	25 (86.2%)
Ground Ambulance	23 (79.4%)
Air Ambulance	18 (62.1%)
Drug Rehabilitation	18 (62.1%)
Alcohol Rehabilitation	19 (65.5%)
Mental Health	15 (52.0%)
Nursing Home	3 (10.3%)
In state Hospice	7 (24.1%)
Home Care	8 (27.6%)
Prenatal Care	14 (48.3%)
Primary Care	15 (52.0%)
Dental Care	11 (37.9%)
Health Outreach services	2 (6.9%)
Preventive Care	6 (20.7%)
Prescription Drugs	9 (31.0%)

- Percents based on 29 CIF counties; e.g., three of 29 counties (10.3%) cover nursing home care.

**Recent Trends**

The graph below provides a picture of CIF finances over the last five fiscal years. SFY 96 clearly experienced a sharp fall in revenue and ending balances. Revenues rebounded in SFY 97 and remained consistent in SFY 98 with levels found in SFY 94 and SFY 95. Expenditures and ending balances for SFY 98 closely mirror SFY 97. The new legislation for SFY 97 specifically required that county gross receipts tax revenues from the second 1/8 increment plus 1/2 from the third 1/8 increment be placed in indigent claims funds. Prior to this, counties could divert funds to other uses. Another likely factor affecting the rebounds is the delay in the transfer of excess funds in the CIF to the County Supported Medicaid Fund. Due to the delay, the counties probably felt comfortable with maintaining CIF balances similar to SFY 97.

### County Indigent Funds



A steady increase in the number of counties covering prenatal care can be discerned from recent trends in allowable health care services (See Table 1-2). In SFY 98, there was a slight fall in primary care services with Colfax, Eddy, Grant, Guadalupe and Luna counties dropping the service, while Cibola and Valencia counties added primary care as a covered service.

Table 1-2  
Covered Service Trends  
SFY 94 through SFY 98

Service	SFY 94	SFY 95	SFY 96	SFY 97	SFY 98
Drug Rehabilitation Services	9	10	18	17	18
Alcohol Rehabilitation Services	11	10	18	16	19
Mental Health Services	7	9	16	15	15
Prenatal Care	5	7	11	12	14
Primary Care	6	10	16	18	15
<b># counties reporting</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>

• The number of counties reporting Primary Care as a covered service in SFY 97 was reported as 17 in the SFY 97 Report instead of 18.

As shown in Table 1-3, seven counties introduced changes due to 1997 legislative amendments to the “Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act.” For example, Otero County expanded services to include contracts with providers for health care services, health outreach services and preventive care programs.

Table 1-3  
 CIF Changes Due to 1997 Amendments (HB355)  
 SFY 98

<i>County</i>	<i>Initiated Countywide Health Planning</i>	<i>Contract With Providers for Health Care Services</i>	<i>Introduced Health Outreach Services</i>	<i>Introduced Preventative Care Programs</i>	<i>Introduced other changes</i>
Dona Ana		Yes		Yes	Yes
Los Alamos				Yes	
Luna		Yes			
McKinley		Yes			
Otero		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Rio Arriba	Yes				
Valencia		Yes		Yes	

- Source: County Indigent Fund (CIF) Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- CIF Counties reporting no changes due to 1997 amendments: Bernalillo, Chaves, Cibola, Colfax, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Grant, Guadalupe, Hidalgo, Lea, Mora, Quay, Roosevelt, San Juan, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Sierra, Taos, Torrance and Union.
- No CIF County has introduced a multicounty health care planning program.
- Counties without CIF: Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.

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*COUNTY INDIGENT FUND*  
*FINANCIAL PROFILE SFY 98*

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The 29 County Indigent Funds in New Mexico are supported primarily through county imposed gross receipts taxes. Other funds and sources often provide additional revenues and the counties carry forward any unspent balances from the previous fiscal period. Thus, the CIF's revenue base is a composite of different sources with the bulk coming from gross receipts taxes collected by counties. CIF finances for SFY 98 are described below.

According to information provided in the CIF surveys, the counties began the year with total balances of approximately \$8.9 million; half of the counties each had balances over \$220,700. The average for the 29 counties was about \$307,000. Beginning SFY 98 balances ranged from \$1.6 million for Santa Fe County to just \$200 for Grant County. Revenues collected during the fiscal year were \$23.9 million and expenditures were roughly \$24.1 million. Revenues and expenditures for individual counties varied widely. Six counties reported total revenues less than \$100,000, while expenditures for eight counties were over \$1 million each. Half of the counties collected and expended over \$453,200 and \$447,300 respectively.

The CIF counties ended the year with CIF balances of approximately \$8.7 million. The CIF balance average (\$299,800) and median (\$177,600) were below the amounts carried over from SFY 97. Twelve of the counties (41%) ended the period with less than \$100,000 each. Santa Fe County's ending balance (\$2.5 million) was highest.

About 97% of all CIF revenue was collected from county gross receipts taxes in SFY 98. County general fund transfers to two of the 29 CIF counties added \$32,200, while another \$769,600 came from other sources (i.e., interest income, refunds from claims, etc).

According to the summary in Table 2-3, CIF Expenditures fall into six categories as follows:

- County Supported Medicaid Fund (\$7.1 million)
- Sole Community Provider Fund (\$4.2 million)
- Administration (\$1.2 million)
- Provider Claims (\$7.8 million)
- Contracted Services (\$2.6 million), and
- Other Expenses (\$1.2 million)

Six counties paid a portion or all CIF administration costs with other county funds, which totaled about \$218,100. CIF balances, revenues and expenditures for all participating counties are listed in Tables 2-1 through 2-4.

As described in Section I, most tables will have columns with blank entries, which represent \$0 amounts or values not reported by the counties. The mean and median values were calculated for nonblank entries only. For example, median other revenue in Table 2-2 (about \$16,700) was estimated from the 18-dollar amounts in the other revenue column.

Table 2-1  
CIF Financial Summary  
SFY 98

<i>CIF Counties</i>	<i>July 1, 1997 Balance</i>	<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>June 30, 1998 Balance</i>
Bernalillo	\$130,476	\$1,000,000	\$926,070	\$204,406
Chaves	736,954	1,745,967	2,065,817	417,104
Cibola	254,267	290,632	285,788	259,111
Colfax	245,722	281,479	242,066	285,135
Curry	418,228	763,463	894,724	286,967
De Baca	31,463	25,424	24,399	32,488
Dona Ana	366	2,016,887	1,839,611	177,642
Eddy	43,845	1,439,063	1,439,219	43,689
Grant	131	987,794	986,988	937
Guadalupe	24,595	57,500	79,613	2,482
Hidalgo	99,153	109,487	76,780	131,859
Lea	1,087,544	1,551,359	1,795,962	842,941
Los Alamos	484,656	50,252	445,402	89,506
Luna	227,630	367,571	449,119	146,082
McKinley	490,469	1,054,124	1,070,273	474,320
Mora	42,500	24,886		67,386
Otero	220,735	661,151	559,673	322,213
Quay	36,896	153,044	177,351	12,589
Rio Arriba	35,359	356,419	380,253	11,525
Roosevelt	2,477	164,696	143,435	23,738
San Juan	5,248	2,541,744	2,543,606	3,386
San Miguel	276,575	453,165	393,761	335,979
Sandoval	561,524	887,402	1,233,496	215,430
Santa Fe	1,682,784	4,731,482	3,927,334	2,486,932
Sierra	42,743	249,000	327,211	(35,468)
Taos	717,351	1,143,071	974,231	886,191
Torrance	15,894	155,843	151,999	19,738
Union	384,684	93,456	285,614	192,526
Valencia	603,444	559,332	404,088	758,689
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,903,700</b>	<b>\$23,915,700</b>	<b>\$24,123,900</b>	<b>\$8,695,500</b>
<b>Mean</b>	<b>307,000</b>	<b>824,700</b>	<b>861,600</b>	<b>299,800</b>
<b>Median</b>	<b>\$220,700</b>	<b>\$453,200</b>	<b>\$447,300</b>	<b>\$177,600</b>

- Source: County Indigent Fund (CIF) Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- Totals, means & medians rounded to nearest 100.
- Counties without CIF (not listed): Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.
- Roosevelt County reported a June 30, 1998 CIF balance of \$21,261.
- Guadalupe and Luna Counties reported total revenue \$s, which ≠ itemized revenue sources in Table 2-2.
- De Baca and Mora Counties reported total expenditure \$s, which ≠ itemized expenditures in Table 2-3.

Table 2-2  
 CIF Revenue Sources  
 SFY 98

<i>CIF Counties</i>	<i>County Gross Receipts Tax</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>Other Revenues</i>	<i>Total Revenue</i>
		<i>e</i>		

	n e r a l  Fund Transfers			
Bernalillo	\$1,000,000			\$1,000,000
Chaves	1,688,490		\$57,477	1,745,967
Cibola	290,632			290,632
Colfax	281,391		88	281,479
Curry	623,051		140,412	763,463
De Baca	24,407		1,017	25,424
Dona Ana	2,001,384		15,503	2,016,887
Eddy	1,308,391		130,672	1,439,063
Grant	979,048		8,746	987,794
Guadalupe	56,344			56,344
Hidalgo	109,272	215		109,487
Lea	1,478,828		72,531	1,551,359
Los Alamos			50,252	50,252
Luna	364,168		3,402	367,570
McKinley	1,054,124			1,054,124
Mora	24,886			24,886
Otero	643,620		17,531	661,151
Quay	150,522		2,522	153,044
Rio Arriba	324,478	31,941		356,419
Roosevelt			164,696	164,696
San Juan	2,541,744			2,541,744
San Miguel	445,987		7,178	453,165
Sandoval	887,402			887,402
Santa Fe	4,715,609		15,873	4,731,482
Sierra	249,000			249,000
Taos	1,102,778		40,293	1,143,071
Torrance	155,843			155,843
Union	80,582		12,874	93,456
Valencia	530,764		28,568	559,332
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,112,700</b>	<b>\$32,200</b>	<b>\$769,600</b>	<b>\$ 23,914,500</b>
<b>Mean</b>	<b>856,000</b>	<b>16,100</b>	<b>42,800</b>	<b>824,600</b>
<b>Median</b>	<b>\$530,800</b>	<b>\$16,100</b>	<b>\$16,700</b>	<b>\$453,200</b>

- Source: County Indigent Fund (CIF) Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- Totals, means & medians rounded to nearest 100.
- Counties without CIF (not listed): Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.

Table 2-3  
CIF Expenditures  
SFY 98

CIF Counties	Transfers to CSMF	Transfers to SCPF	Administration	Providers (Claims)	Contracted Services	Other Expenses	Total Expenditures
Bernalillo			\$37,196		\$888,874		\$926,070
Chaves	\$414,692	\$397,823	101,114	\$851,946		\$300,242	2,065,817
Cibola	73,603	95,324		116,861			285,788
Colfax	140,969	72,143		28,954			242,066
Curry	316,782	102,761	61,868	139,987	273,326		894,724
De Baca	14,639	5,518		2,088	22,245		44,490
Dona Ana		777,801		231,957	971,177	(141,324)	1,839,611
Eddy	585,055	59,625	92,000	702,539			1,439,219
Grant		220,715		766,273			986,988
Guadalupe	39,689	11,351	8,738	19,835			79,613
Hidalgo	40,400	13,230	7,942	15,209			76,781
Lea	702,012	116,071	97,818	762,398	117,662		1,795,962
Los Alamos	256,813	7,688	26,473	154,428			445,402
Luna	61,556	98,115	36,842	630	129,370	122,606	449,119
McKinley	512,216	104,829	55,713	66,164	102,469	228,881	1,070,273
Mora	4,984			1,350			6,334
Otero	350,316	141,232	44,114	24,010			559,673
Quay	66,793	66,642	21,000	22,800		116	177,351
Rio Arriba	162,209	218,044					380,253
Roosevelt	82,823	20,223		40,389			143,435
San Juan	1,196,893	337,310	94,149	866,431		48,823	2,543,606
San Miguel		91,087	31,051	33,484	50,000	188,139	393,761
Sandoval	487,648		69,527	503,800	29,188	143,333	1,233,496
Santa Fe	1,473,689	972,736	234,000	1,246,909			3,927,334
Sierra	62,511	60,264	12,558	191,878			327,211
Taos		200,664	85,210	299,873	50,560	337,924	974,231
Torrance				151,999			151,999
Union	41,505	43,772	8,870	191,467			285,614
Valencia			44,588	359,500			404,088
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,087,800</b>	<b>\$4,235,000</b>	<b>\$1,170,800</b>	<b>\$7,793,200</b>	<b>\$2,634,900</b>	<b>\$1,228,700</b>	<b>\$24,150,400</b>
<b>Mean</b>	<b>322,200</b>	<b>176,500</b>	<b>58,500</b>	<b>288,600</b>	<b>263,500</b>	<b>136,500</b>	<b>832,800</b>
<b>Median</b>	<b>\$151,600</b>	<b>\$96,700</b>	<b>\$44,400</b>	<b>\$152,000</b>	<b>\$110,100</b>	<b>\$143,300</b>	<b>\$445,400</b>

- Source: County Indigent Fund (CIF) Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- Totals, means & medians rounded to nearest 100.
- No CIF county specified expenditures for multicounty or countywide planning.
- Dona Ana County reported a negative \$ Amount for other expenses, which represented encumbrances of funds actually spent in SFY 99.
- Counties without CIF (not listed): Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.

Table 2-4  
Other Fund Revenues Allocated  
To CIF Administration

SFY 98	
CIF Counties	Administration Expenditure: Other Sources
Bernalillo	\$9,787
Chaves	
Cibola	16,500
Colfax	
Curry	
De Baca	
Dona Ana	135,760
Eddy	
Grant	
Guadalupe	
Hidalgo	
Lea	
Los Alamos	
Luna	2,884
McKinley	
Mora	
Otero	
Quay	
Rio Arriba	26,341
Roosevelt	26,812
San Juan	
San Miguel	
Sandoval	
Santa Fe	
Sierra	
Taos	
Torrance	
Union	
Valencia	
Total	\$218,100
Mean	36,300
Median	\$21,400

- Source: CIF Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- Total, mean & median rounded to nearest 100.
- Counties without CIF: Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.

All data up to this point was obtained from the CIF surveys submitted by the counties for SFY 98. The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) provided the financial information found in Tables 2-5 and 2-6.

Table 2-5 shows that all counties contributing to the Sole Community Provider Fund (SCPF) in SFY 98 transferred in excess of \$4.4 million for a county to federal match ratio of about 1:3. Including federal matching funds, 26 Sole Community Provider Hospitals in New Mexico received approximately \$16 million in SFY 98.

Twenty-four CIF counties, plus Lincoln and Socorro, contribute to the SCPF. Counties that do not participate include five that operate a CIF (Bernalillo, Mora, Sandoval, Torrance, and Valencia). The counties contributing to the SCPF that do not have inpatient medical facilities contribute to hospitals in other counties. In turn, the Sole Community Provider Hospitals in the other counties treat patients from the contributing counties.

Although persons that qualify for Medicaid are not eligible for indigent health care, Table 2-6 is in this review to illustrate the scope of county health care funding for SFY 98. The County Supported Medicaid Fund figures shown in Table 2-6 were provided by the HSD. Payments from the counties to the County Supported Medicaid Fund were over \$16 million. Bernalillo County paid over \$7 million into the fund, accounting for nearly 43 percent of all payments from the 33 counties. The federal match is estimated to be about \$44 million. Thus, total payments to Medicaid as a result of the County Supported Medicaid Fund in SFY 98 were around \$ 60 million.

Table 2-5  
 Payments to Sole Community Provider Hospitals  
 SFY 98

<i>CIF Participating Counties</i>	<i>County Transfers from CIF</i>	<i>Federal Matching Funds</i>	<i>Total Sole Community Provider</i>
Chaves	\$397,822	\$1,055,276	\$1,453,098
Cibola	73,603	195,242	268,845
Colfax	72,143	191,370	263,513
Curry	102,761	272,587	375,348
De Baca	5,518	14,637	20,155
Dona Ana	777,800	2,063,220	2,841,020
Eddy	59,624	158,162	217,786
Grant	220,716	585,478	806,194

Guadalupe	11,351	30,111	41,462
Hidalgo	13,231	35,097	48,328
Lea	116,073	307,899	423,972
Los Alamos	7,684	20,383	28,067
Luna	98,114	260,260	358,374
McKinley	139,794	370,821	510,615
Otero	141,233	374,640	515,873
Quay	66,642	176,777	243,419
Rio Arriba	218,044	578,392	796,436
Roosevelt	20,222	53,641	73,863
San Juan	337,310	894,761	1,232,071
San Miguel	83,030	220,248	303,278
Santa Fe	972,737	2,580,317	3,553,054
Sierra	60,264	159,858	220,122
Taos	200,663	532,285	732,948
Union	43,773	116,115	159,888
Total: CIF Counties	\$4,240,200	\$11,247,600	\$15,487,700
Mean	176,700	\$468,600	\$645,300
Median	90,600	240,300	330,800
<u>Non CIF Counties</u>			
Lincoln	97,519	258,683	356,202
Socorro	62,910	166,876	229,786
Total: All Counties	\$4,400,600	\$11,673,100	\$16,073,700
Mean	169,300	449,000	618,200
Median	\$90,300	\$239,500	\$329,700

- Source: New Mexico Human Services Department, Medical Assistance Division.
- Federal match is approximately 72.7%
- Lincoln and Socorro Counties participate in Sole Community Provider Program, but do not maintain County Indigent Funds.
- Totals, means & medians rounded to nearest 100.
- Counties not participating in Sole Community Provider Program (not listed above): Catron, Bernalillo, Harding, Mora, Sandoval, Torrance, and Valencia.

Table 2-6  
Payments to County Supported Medicaid Fund  
SFY 98

Counties	County Payments	Federal Match	Total Contribution to Medicaid
Bernalillo	\$7,027,725		
Catron	10,931		
Chaves	Local Option Tax		
Cibola	95,330		
Colfax	118,415		

Curry	316,782		
De Baca	14,639		
Dona Ana	Local Option Tax		
Eddy	585,055		
Grant	Local Option Tax		
Guadalupe	30,689		
Harding	4,615		
Hidalgo	40,400		
Lea	702,013		
Lincoln	167,844		
Los Alamos	256,813		
Luna	Local Option Tax		
McKinley	512,216		
Mora	9,968		
Otero	350,316		
Quay	66,793		
Rio Arriba	162,209		
Roosevelt	82,823		
San Juan	1,196,893		
San Miguel	Local Option Tax		
Sandoval	487,648		
Santa Fe	1,473,689		
Sierra	62,512		
Socorro	Local Option Tax		
Taos	Local Option Tax		
Torrance	Local Option Tax		
Union	41,505		
Valencia	Local Option Tax		
Total: Nine Counties with Local Option Taxes	2,606,300		
Total: All Counties	\$16,424,100	\$44,405,900	\$60,830,000

- Source: New Mexico Human Services Department, Medical Assistance Division.
- Payments by the nine counties with Local Option Taxes are estimated.
- Federal match estimated 73%
- Totals rounded to nearest 100.

*III*  
*COUNTY INDIGENT FUND*  
*PATIENTS SERVED & COST SFY 98*

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This section of the review presents what counties reported in their surveys about approved claims, numbers of patients served and reimbursement costs. This information was requested for 16 separate providers and/or services, such as prenatal health care. All 29 CIF counties gave statistics, but the following comments will show that caution is needed when reviewing the presented data.

Based on estimates obtained from the surveys, CIF counties documented 51,558 claims. This total represented 41,923 claims from health care providers and services, and 9,635 claims from Sole Community Provider Hospitals. The claims depict over 41,400 indigent persons receiving health care, with about 8,100 of these from Sole Community Provider Hospitals. In SFY 98, claims from health care providers and hospitals other than Sole Community Provider Hospitals accounted for 81% of claims for the 29 County Indigent Funds in New Mexico.

These numbers are significant, but analysis reveals that they probably undercount the true number of persons served. As explained above and mentioned in Section I, there were difficulties in establishing precise figures because some counties were unable to provide complete counts for approved claims and/or number of persons served. In a few cases counties also granted some services through contracts with a provider(s) and they were unable to show the number of approved claims and/or persons served.

The survey was designed to obtain data for 16 specific health provider/service categories, such as in-state hospice care and drug rehabilitation services. Surveys revealed precision at this level impossible because some counties apparently did not differentiate their records for some services. Two examples; Dona Ana County combined prenatal care, primary care, dental care and prescription drugs, while Curry and San Juan Counties did not separate between inpatient and outpatient hospital care.

These limitations aside, the number of persons receiving care and the respective costs were grouped into the 16 listed providers and/or services. Tables 3-1 through 3-7 show results. Because the counties do not always list totals for services they indicated as provided by their CIFs, figures for the counties may not necessarily represent the exact number of persons served nor the exact amount expended for a category of service.

Counties reported that approximately 17,500 prenatal and primary care patients were given health care. This represents about 43% of the total number of indigent patients treated during SFY 98. Inpatient plus outpatient hospital care patients totaled 2,250, while mental health care accounted for 1,700. These numbers exclude patients covered under Sole Community Provider Hospital funds.

According to the detailed claims data submitted by the counties and presented in Tables 3-4 and 3-7, reimbursement costs totaled \$28.2 million. (Note: Claims data is reported as the counties responded to questions 5, 6 and 7 in the survey and does not equal the summary data provided in questions 1 and 3). Reimbursement costs included \$8.0 million for indigent care services, \$17.5 million for Sole Community Provider Hospitals (including federal match) and \$2.7 million for contracted provider services. Of the \$10.7 million paid for claims based indigent care services and contracted services, approximately 75% of the payments were made for inpatient hospital care (\$4.2 million), outpatient hospital care (\$952,800) and prenatal/primary care (\$2.8 million). The top three counties with the most patient costs included: Chaves, Dona Ana and Santa Fe.

A summary of expenditures for non-contract or claims based indigent care services and Sole Community Provider Hospitals for the 29 counties with CIFs is shown in Table 3-2. The average expenditure for non-contract or claims based indigent care services was \$307,400 per county and the median was \$154,400 (half the counties expended more and half less). Services paid for through the Sole Community Provider Hospital fund included federal matching funds and were higher, averaging \$728,900 per county. The median expenditure for Sole Community Provider Hospitals was \$381,400. The average expenditure for non-contract or claims based indigent care services was over \$580 per person. The average claim for Sole Community Provider Hospitals was \$2,160 per person.

Payments by specific service and county to contract providers were also compiled. Previous comments established the limitations of the data provided by the counties. San Juan County, for example, is shown (Table 3-4) with \$109,868 outlays for inpatient hospital care. This estimate, however, also includes outpatient hospital care expenses because the county does not keep separate accounts.

Table 3-3 illustrates that many counties rejected a small number of claims because the claimants did not meet all criteria for indigent care. In SFY 98, the counties reported 1,798 rejected claims. Rio Arriba County listed claims that were rejected due to insufficient funds. The claims rejected for insufficient funds should be settled in SFY 99.

Tables 3-1, 3-4 and 3-6 display the reporting limitations noted previously. The columns for each county show a blank wherever the respective county did not provide a number. A question mark means the county indicated there probably should be a number without providing the data. A few columns have the letter “C” to denote that numbers for this particular service are included in another category. Some counties, as explained earlier, reported inpatient and outpatient hospital care under the inpatient category.

Table 3-1  
Number of Indigent Persons Receiving Services by County  
SFY 98

Covered Service	Bernalillo	Chaves	Cibola	Colfax	Curry	De Baca	Dona Ana	Eddy	Grant	Guadalupe
Inpatient Hospital		63	37	20	49	1	29	123	160	8
Outpatient Hospital		66		4	C		195	173	454	
Ground Ambulance		117		12	17	1	130	53	4	15
Air Ambulance		14					4	16	9	
Drug Rehabilitation								1		
Alcohol Rehabilitation		1						3		
Mental Health Services		2		1				22		
Nursing Home Care										
Instate Hospice		5								
Instate Home Health		20			6					
Prenatal & Primary Care		1,178	698							
Dental care										
Health Outreach Services										
Preventive Care										
Prescription Drugs										
other		1		1						
Indigent Fund Recipients		1,467	735	38	72	2	358	391	627	23
Sole Community hospital		1,459	142	132	229	7	1,027	101	577	46
Total Indigent Recipients		2,926	877	170	301	9	1,385	492	1,204	69

- Source: County Indigent Fund (CIF) Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- C = Number is included in another covered service, e.g., Curry County does not separate inpatient and outpatient.
- S = Included under Sole Community Provider Hospital.
- Counties without CIF (not listed above): Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.
- Some numbers estimated, see text for explanation.

Table 3-1 continued: Number of Indigent Persons Receiving Services

Covered Service	Hidalgo	Lea	Los Alamos	Luna	McKinley	Mora	Otero	Quay	Rio Arriba	Roosevelt
Inpatient Hospital	1	172	11		11		3	3		7
Outpatient Hospital			14		1			3		
Ground Ambulance	7			2						9
Air Ambulance										2
Drug Rehabilitation			4		S					
Alcohol Rehabilitation			4		S					

Mental Health Services	15									
Nursing Home Care										
Instate Hospice	60									
Instate Home Health										
Prenatal & Primary Care										
Dental care										
Health Outreach Services										
Preventive Care										
Prescription Drugs										
other										
Indigent Fund Recipients	68	172	48	2	12		3	6		18
Sole Community hospital	29	172	7	427	134		734	125	361	57
Total Indigent Recipients	97	344	55	429	146		737	131	361	75

Table 3-1 continued

Covered Service	Sandoval	San Juan	San Miguel	Santa Fe	Sierra	Taos	Torrance	Union	Valencia	Total
Inpatient Hospital	65	12	6	42	22	19	71	36	49	1,020
Outpatient Hospital	78	C		70	11	17		10	113	1,209
Ground Ambulance	33	70		99	32	104	78	4	117	904
Air Ambulance		8								53
Drug Rehabilitation		C		29						34
Alcohol Rehabilitation	11	335		68		27	1			450
Mental Health Services		340		12			2		3	397
Nursing Home Care				7						7
Instate Hospice				11						16
Instate Home Health		6		8						40
Prenatal & Primary Care		250		3,624			184	S	21	6,015
Dental care				900					6	906
Health Outreach Services										
Preventive Care										
Prescription Drugs			268	2,320						2,588
other		21					6		45	74
Indigent Fund Recipients	187	1,042	274	7,190	65	167	342	50	354	13,713
Sole Community hospital		450	118	640	73	976		73		8,096
Total Indigent Recipients	187	1,492	392	7,830	138	1,143	342	123	354	21,809

- Source: County Indigent Fund (CIF) Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- C = Number is included in another covered service, e.g., Curry County does not separate inpatient and outpatient.
- S = Included under Sole Community Provider Hospital.
- Counties without CIF (not listed above): Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.
- Some numbers estimated, see text for explanation.

Table 3-2  
 Summary of Payments for Services to  
 Non-Contract Providers  
 &  
 Sole Community Provider Hospitals  
 SFY 98

Service	Total \$ Amount	Mean \$ Amount	Median \$ Amount	Mean \$ Amount per Person	Number Responding Counties
Inpatient Hospital	\$4,110,900	\$164,400	\$101,900	\$4,030	25
Outpatient Hospital	952,800	68,100	27,300	790	14
Ground Ambulance	385,700	20,300	12,100	430	19
Air Ambulance	112,500	18,800	14,300	2,120	6
Drug Rehabilitation	49,300	16,400	4,000	1,450	3
Alcohol Rehabilitation	744,500	93,100	10,900	1,650	8
Mental Health Services	237,500	29,700	14,700	600	8
Nursing Home Care	18,500	18,500	18,500	2,640	1
Instate Hospice	35,000	17,500	17,500	2,190	1
Instate Home Health	103,600	25,900	23,900	2,590	4
Prenatal & Primary Care	875,700	125,100	50,000	150	7
Dental care	72,100	36,100	36,100	80	2
Health Outreach Services					
Preventive Care					
Prescription Drugs	252,000	126,000	126,000	100	2
All Other	43,200	7,200	3,200	580	6
<b>Total Indigent Care Services</b>	<b>\$7,993,300</b>	<b>307,400</b>	<b>154,400</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>26</b>
Sole Community Hospital	\$17,493,200	728,900	381,400	2,160	24
<b>Total Indigent</b>	<b>\$25,486,500</b>	<b>\$943,900</b>	<b>\$497,400</b>	<b>\$1,170</b>	<b>27</b>

- Source: County Indigent Fund (CIF) Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- Totals, means & medians rounded to nearest 100. Exception: mean/person to nearest 10.
- Sole Community Provider Hospital \$ Amounts include federal matching funds.
- Counties without CIF (not listed): Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.

Table 3-3  
Rejected Indigent Fund Claims  
SFY 98

CIF Counties	# Claimants Not Eligible
Bernalillo	
Chaves	
Cibola	34
Colfax	
Curry	57
De Baca	
Dona Ana	1,088

Eddy	27
Grant	
Guadalupe	
Hidalgo	
Lea	141
Los Alamos	15
Luna	28
McKinley	21
Mora	
Otero	109
Quay	31
Rio Arriba	18
Roosevelt	30
San Juan	29
San Miguel	4
Sandoval	
Santa Fe	6
Sierra	34
Taos	53
Torrance	
Union	3
Valencia	70
Total	1,798
Mean	95
Median	30

- Source: CIF Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- Rio Arriba County reported 107 claims rejected for insufficient funds; claims will process in SFY99.
- Counties without CIF: Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.

Table 3-4  
 Payments for Services to  
 Non-Contract Providers  
 &  
 Sole Community Provider Hospitals by County  
 SFY 98

Covered Service	Bernalillo	Chaves	Cibola	Colfax	Curry	De Baca	Dona Ana	Eddy
Inpatient Hospital		\$230,461	\$66,861	\$37,329	\$101,938	\$1,841	\$139,467	\$360,651
Outpatient Hospital		56,876		973	C		28,233	216,500
Ground Ambulance		41,461		3,595	4,696	247	61,051	13,643
Air Ambulance		53,804					3,206	24,000
Drug Rehabilitation								1,998
Alcohol Rehabilitation		6,300						7,206
Mental Health Services		10,686		810				78,540
Nursing Home Care								
Instate Hospice		9,581						
Instate Home Health		45,081			33,352			
Prenatal & Primary Care		397,495	50,000					
Dental care								
Health Outreach Services								
Preventive Care								

Prescription Drugs								
Other		200	500					
Indigent Fund Expense	\$851,945	\$116,861	\$43,207	\$139,986	\$2,088	\$231,957	\$702,538	
Sole Community Expense	3,109,009	337,136	94,799	377,850	12,761	2,841,700	217,741	
Total Indigent Expense	\$3,960,954	\$453,997	\$138,006	\$517,836	\$14,849	\$3,073,657	\$920,279	

Table 3-4 continued

Covered Service	Grant	Guadalupe	Hidalgo	Lea	Los Alamos	Luna	McKinley	Mora
Inpatient Hospital	\$390,780	\$17,553	\$5,000	\$762,398	\$95,951		\$65,626	
Outpatient Hospital	370,547				26,449		538	
Ground Ambulance	446	2,283	2,209			630		
Air Ambulance	4,500							
Drug Rehabilitation					4,000			S
Alcohol Rehabilitation					5,533			S
Mental Health Services					22,495			
Nursing Home Care								
Instate Hospice								
Instate Home Health								
Prenatal & Primary Care			8,072					
Dental care								
Health Outreach Services								
Preventive Care								
Prescription Drugs								
Other								
Indigent Fund Expense	\$766,273	\$19,836	\$15,281	\$762,398	\$154,428	\$630	\$66,164	
Sole Community Expense	695,979	48,321	91,817	640,581	120,670	497,577	431,286	
Total Indigent Expense	\$1,462,252	\$68,157	\$107,098	\$1,402,979	\$275,098	\$498,207	\$497,450	

- Source: County Indigent Fund (CIF) Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- Totals rounded to nearest 100.
- Counties without CIF (not listed above): Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.
- Some numbers estimated, see text for explanation.
- S = Amount is unknown, included with Sole Community Provider Hospital.
- C = Amount included in another covered service, e.g., Curry County does not separate inpatient--outpatient.
- Sole Community Provider Hospital \$ Amounts include federal matching funds.

Table 3-4 continued: Payments for Services

Covered Service	Otero	Quay	Rio Arriba	Roosevelt	Sandoval	San Juan	San Miguel	Santa Fe
Inpatient Hospital	\$24,010	\$15,733		\$35,919	\$408,302	\$109,868	\$33,484	\$520,842
Outpatient Hospital		7,068			62,327	C		67,643
Ground Ambulance				3,271	12,127	34,752		20,364
Air Ambulance				1,200		25,836		
Drug Rehabilitation							C	43,332
Alcohol Rehabilitation					14,513	498,161		84,410
Mental Health Services						99,942		18,637
Nursing Home Care								18,467
Instate Hospice								25,404
Instate Home Health						10,748		14,452
Prenatal & Primary Care						79,850		299,081
Dental care								70,414
Health Outreach Services								
Preventive Care								
Prescription Drugs							188,139	63,863
Other						7,272		
Indigent Fund Expense	\$24,010	\$22,801		\$40,390	\$497,269	\$866,429	\$221,623	\$1,246,909
Sole Community Expense	865,328	119,435	783,869	41,874		1,405,548	385,047	2,637,727
Total Indigent Expense	\$889,338	\$142,236	\$783,869	\$82,264	\$497,269	\$2,271,977	\$606,670	\$3,884,636

Table 3-4 continued

Covered Service	Sierra	Taos	Torrance	Union	Valencia	Total Amount
Inpatient Hospital	\$116,177	\$110,138	\$72,248	\$184,121	\$204,244	\$4,110,900
Outpatient Hospital	1,500	23,293		5,573	85,269	952,800
Ground Ambulance	45,433	38,921	48,216	1,773	50,597	385,700
Air Ambulance						112,500
Drug Rehabilitation						49,300
Alcohol Rehabilitation		127,520	851			744,500
Mental Health Services			890		5,543	237,500
Nursing Home Care						18,500
Instate Hospice						35,000
Instate Home Health						103,600
Prenatal & Primary Care			33,500	S	7,684	875,700
Dental care					1,705	72,100
Health Outreach Services						
Preventive Care						
Prescription Drugs						252,000
Other	28,769		1,996		4,458	43,200
Indigent Fund Expense	\$191,879	\$299,872	\$157,701	\$191,467	\$359,500	\$7,993,300
Sole Community Expense	72,414	1,603,188		61,584		17,493,200
Total Indigent Expense	\$264,293	\$1,903,060	\$157,701	\$253,051	\$359,500	\$25,486,500

- Source: County Indigent Fund (CIF) Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- Totals rounded to nearest 100.
- Counties without CIF (not listed above): Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.
- Some numbers estimated, see text for explanation.
- S = Amount is unknown, included with Sole Community Provider Hospital.
- C = Amount included in another covered service, e.g., Curry County does not separate inpatient--outpatient.
- Sole Community Provider Hospital \$ Amounts include federal matching funds.

Table 3-5  
Active or Planned Contracts with Providers  
SFY 98

CIF County	Active or Planned Contracts	No Changes To Date – Under Review	Have Arranged Contracts With Providers	Plan Move: Claims-Based to Contract Based	Have (Intent) Contracts with Providers for Portion of Services
Bernalillo	Yes				
Chaves	No				
Cibola	No	Yes			
Colfax	No				Yes
Curry	Yes		Yes		Yes
De Baca	No				
Dona Ana	Yes		Yes		
Eddy	No				Yes
Grant	No				
Guadalupe	No				
Hidalgo	No				Yes
Lea	Yes				
Los Alamos	No				
Luna	Yes				
McKinley	Yes		Yes		Yes

Mora	No		
Otero	No	Yes	
Quay	No		
Rio Arriba	No	Yes	
Roosevelt	No		
San Juan	No		
San Miguel	Yes		
Sandoval	Yes		
Santa Fe	No		
Sierra	No	Yes	
Taos	Yes	Yes	
Torrance	No		
Union	No		Yes
Valencia	No		

- Source: County Indigent Fund (CIF) Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- Counties without CIF (not listed above): Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.

Table 3-6  
Persons Receiving Contracted Services by County  
SFY 98

<i>Covered Service</i>	<i>Bernalillo</i>	<i>Cibola</i>	<i>Curry</i>	<i>Dona Ana</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Luna</i>
Inpatient Hospital						
Outpatient Hospital						
Ground Ambulance						450
Air Ambulance						
Drug Rehabilitation			37			
Alcohol Rehabilitation					231	
Mental Health Services					1,271	
Nursing Home Care						
Instate Hospice				18		
Instate Home Health						
Prenatal & Primary Care	6,292	698	2,154	2,251	48	
Dental care	3,755					
Health Outreach Services						
Preventive Care						
Prescription Drugs						
other			32	?	2,217	
Total Indigent Recipients	10,017	698	2,226	2,269	3,767	450

Table 3-6 continued

<i>Covered Service</i>	<i>McKinley</i>	<i>San Miquel</i>	<i>Sandoval</i>	<i>Taos</i>	<i>Total</i>
Inpatient Hospital				14	14

Outpatient Hospital Ground Ambulance Air Ambulance	?	450
Drug Rehabilitation Alcohol Rehabilitation Mental Health Services Nursing Home Care		37 231 1,271
Instate Hospice Instate Home Health Prenatal & Primary Care Dental care	87	18 11,530 3,755
Health Outreach Services Preventive Care Prescription Drugs other		80 80 2,249
<b>Total Indigent Recipients</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>80 14 19,635</b>

- Source: County Indigent Fund (CIF) Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- Counties without CIF (not listed above): Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.
- ?: numbers not provided.

**Table 3-7  
Payments for Contracted Services by County  
SFY 98**

<i>Covered Service</i>	<i>Bernalillo</i>	<i>Cibola</i>	<i>Curry</i>	<i>Dona Ana</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Luna</i>
Inpatient Hospital Outpatient Hospital Ground Ambulance Air Ambulance						\$129,370
Drug Rehabilitation Alcohol Rehabilitation Mental Health Services Nursing Home Care			\$35,396		\$21,000 20,000	
Instate Hospice Instate Home Health Prenatal & Primary Care Dental care				\$26,447 908,626	39,162	
Health Outreach Services Preventive Care Prescription Drugs Other	\$651,965 236,909	\$50,000	203,264			
<b>Total Indigent Expense</b>	<b>\$888,900</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$273,300</b>	<b>\$971,100</b>	<b>\$117,700</b>	<b>\$129,400</b>

**Table 3-7 continued**

<i>Covered Service</i>	<i>McKinley</i>	<i>San Miguel</i>	<i>Sandoval</i>	<i>Taos</i>	<i>Total</i>
Inpatient Hospital Outpatient Hospital Ground Ambulance				\$50,560	\$50,600 179,400
		\$50,000			

Air Ambulance					
Drug Rehabilitation					35,400
Alcohol Rehabilitation					21,000
Mental Health Services					20,000
Nursing Home Care					
Instate Hospice					26,400
Instate Home Health					
Prenatal & Primary Care	\$102,469				1,955,500
Dental care					236,900
Health Outreach Services					
Preventive Care					
Prescription Drugs			\$29,188		29,200
Other					108,300
Total Indigent Expense	\$102,500	\$50,000	\$29,200	\$50,600	\$2,662,600

- Source: County Indigent Fund (CIF) Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- Totals rounded to nearest 100.
- Counties without CIF (not listed above): Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.

IV  
 COUNTY INDIGENT FUND  
 CRITERIA & REQUIREMENTS SFY 98

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Each county has established criteria for determining whether a person is eligible to receive indigent health care, these criteria are based on statutes, which specify general guidelines for administrating the CIF. Within the limits and requirements set forth in legislation, each county is free to set their own eligibility criteria. For example, the maximum time any county can require for a person to establish residency in the county is 90 days. Counties may designate a residency requirement less than the 90-day limit or may chose not to enforce a residency requirement at all.

Counties have used the flexibility incorporated into indigent health care laws to prescribe distinctive indigent care eligibility requirements. As a result, eligibility criteria and requirements vary widely among the CIF counties. Only five counties indicated in the survey that they had changed some elements of their eligibility requirements in SFY 98. Thus, most criteria in force during SFY 98 were identical to those used in SFY 97.

Of the 29 CIF counties, 27 (over 90%) reported a 90-day residency requirement, 24 (70%) allow legal immigrants to access their CIF, 16 (57%) permit undocumented residents access to indigent care and only two (about 7%) reported age restrictions in their eligibility criteria. Nineteen counties use New Mexico Per Capita Income (NM PCI) to establish maximum income levels for eligibility. Two counties use federal poverty guidelines. The remaining eight do not apply indexes, but instead set maximum levels independently. Twenty-eight counties adjust by household size when setting income criteria, nine by distinguishing between a single individual and family and 19 by number of persons in the household. None adjust income requirements by distinguishing between number of children and number of adults. Eleven counties automatically increase income eligibility levels to coincide with increases in the applicable index, such as New Mexico Per Capita Income.

Counties provided information about the maximum income levels and upper limits. Most established limits that varied by household size. Otero County, for example, had limits ranging from \$18,055 for one person to \$31,583 for a four-person household. The amount set by Otero County for each person thereafter was \$1,500. Eleven counties have mandated a maximum income per household regardless of the number in the household.

CIF health care is designed for the medically indigent (people with income and assets but not normally able to afford the extra expense of medial care), generally the working poor, uninsured or under insured. Medicaid, on the other hand, provides access to health care to selected vulnerable people (disabled, the blind, children, etc.) and limited groups that are not normally self-supporting. All CIF counties screen for Medicaid eligibility. Table 2-6 in Section II lists payments in SFY 98 by each county to the County Supported Medicaid Fund.

Nearly all counties consider assets along with income in their eligibility criteria. For instance, Dona Ana County includes liquid assets with a \$20,000 allowable limit, while other counties may include the primary residence, automobiles and/or life insurance. Most counties also take into account the availability of private health insurance, Medicare and other financial assistance for health care. In eleven counties (see Table 4-7), contract providers apply eligibility requirements or the counties have made other arrangements for determining the eligibility of a medically indigent person.

As in SFY 97, Tables 4-1 through 4-8 illustrate each county's set of eligibility criteria and highlight the variety of requirements among the participating counties.

Table 4-1  
 Residency, Citizenship & Age  
 Requirements  
 SFY 98

<i>CIF Counties</i>	<i>Residency Requirement (days)</i>	<i>Legal Immigrants Not US Citizens</i>	<i>Undocumented Persons</i>	<i>AGE Restrictions</i>
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Bernalillo	30	Yes	No	No
Chaves	90	Yes	Yes	No
Cibola	90	Yes	Yes	No
Colfax	90	Yes	Yes	No
Curry	90	Yes	Yes	No
De Baca	90	No	No	No
Dona Ana	90	Yes	Yes	No
Eddy	90	Yes	Yes	No
Grant	90	Yes	Yes	No
Guadalupe	90	Yes	No	No
Hidalgo	90	Yes	Yes	No
Lea	90	Yes	Yes	No
Los Alamos	90	Yes	Yes	No
Luna	90	Yes	Yes	No
McKinley	90	Yes	No	No
Mora	90	No	No	No
Otero	90	Yes	No	No
Quay	30	Yes	Yes	No
Rio Arriba	90	Yes	No	No
Roosevelt	90	Yes	Yes	No
San Juan	90	Yes	No	No
San Miguel	90	No	No	No
Sandoval	90	Yes	Yes	Yes
Santa Fe	90	No	No	No
Sierra	90	Yes	Yes	No
Taos	90	No	No	Yes
Torrance	90	Yes		No
Union	90	Yes	Yes	No
Valencia	90	Yes	No	No

- Source: County Indigent Fund Health Care Reports returned by counties.
- Counties without CIF (not listed): Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.

Table 4-2  
Asset Eligibility Criteria  
SFY 98

<i>CIF County</i>	<i>Asset Verified &amp; Maximum Value Allowable</i>	<i>Other Financial Resources Considered</i>
Bernalillo	Liquid: \$2,000/\$5,000	No
Chaves	Liquid: \$10,000 single \$20,000 Family	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
Cibola	Liquid; \$4,000	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
Colfax	No	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
Curry	Liquid: \$10,000 single \$20,000 Married	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
De Baca		Medicare, Private Insurance, Other

Dona Ana	Liquid; \$20,000, Other Assists \$20,000	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
Eddy	No	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
Grant	No	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
Guadalupe	Residence, Liquid, Automotive, life Insurance	Medicare Deductible
Hidalgo	No	No
Lea	Residence	No
Los Alamos	No	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
Luna	Liquid: \$5,000 Life Insurance: \$5,000/Cash Value, Other Property: \$35,000	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
McKinley	Liquid: \$10,000 Single \$20,000 Family	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
Mora	No	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
Otero	Liquid: \$4,000 Individual life Insurance: \$18,000 Widower, \$9,000 Retired Spouse	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
Quay	Residence, Liquid, Automotive, life Insurance	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
Rio Arriba	No	No
Roosevelt	Assists: Case By Case Basis	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
San Juan	Liquid: \$4,000 Individual	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
San Miguel	Liquid: \$100,000	No
Sandoval	No	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
Santa Fe	Liquid, Automotive, life Insurance	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
Sierra	No	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
Taos	No	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
Torrance	No	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
Union	Residence, Liquid, Automotive	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other
Valencia	Residence, Liquid, Life Insurance	Medicare, Private Insurance, Other

- Source: County Indigent Fund Health Care Reports returned by counties.
- Counties without CIF (not listed): Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.

Table 4-3  
Income Eligibility Index  
&  
Household Criteria  
SFY 98

<i>CIF Counties</i>	<i>Income Level Eligibility Index</i>	<i>Household Size Income Adjustment Criteria</i>
Bernalillo	0%--240% Federal Poverty Level	Number of Persons
Chaves	HUD Sect. 8 Income, Bureau of Census	Number of Persons
Cibola	Commission Establish Amount	Number of Persons
Colfax	100% NM Per Capita Income	Number of Persons
Curry	Commission Establish Amount	Individual & Family
De Baca	100% NM Per Capita Income	Individual & Family
Dona Ana	100%-150% NM Per Capita Income	Number of Persons

Eddy	150% NM Per Capita Income	Individual & Family
Grant	150% NM Per Capita Income	Individual & Family
Guadalupe	100% NM Per Capita Income	Number of Persons
Hidalgo	150% NM Per Capita Income	Individual & Family
Lea	150% NM Per Capita Income	Individual & Family
Los Alamos	Guidelines NM Medical Assistance Bureau	Number of Persons
Luna	150% NM Per Capita Income	Individual & Family
McKinley	NM Per Capita Income as Base	Number of Persons
Mora	No index	Number of Persons
Otero	150% NM Per Capita Income	Number of Persons
Quay	100% NM Per Capita Income	Number of Persons
Rio Arriba	100% NM Per Capita Income, Income Tax Return	Number of Persons
Roosevelt	Roosevelt County Commission	Number of Persons
San Juan	100%-150% NM Per Capita Income	Number of Persons
San Miguel	50% NM Per Capita Income	Individual & Family
Sandoval	No Index	Number of Persons
Santa Fe	No Index-Case By Case Basis	N/A
Sierra	150% NM Per Capita Income	Number of Persons
Taos	150% NM Per Capita Income	Individual & Family
Torrance	200% NM Per Capita Income	Number of Persons
Union	Set By County Ordinance	Number of Persons
Valencia	150% NM Per Capita Income	Number of Persons

- Source: CIF Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- Counties without CIF: Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.

Table 4-4  
Counties Changing Eligibility Requirements in SFY 98

Counties	Criteria Change
Cibola	Income Criteria: \$9,500 to \$10,500; \$12,000 to \$14,000; \$14,000 to \$17,000 Income Guidelines Income Criteria; Reduced Claims from 85% to 72% Application to be returned 90 days-from 6 Months Income Criteria from Single/Family to number in Household, Max Liquid Assets from \$4,000/Individual to \$10,000/Individual & \$20,000/Family.
Colfax	
Curry	
Guadalupe	
McKinley	

- Source: CIF Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- Counties without CIF: Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.

Table 4-5  
Maximum Allowable Income: by Household Size  
SFY 98

County	CIF	Amount:					Maximum per Household
		1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	each Person over	
Bernalillo		\$18,876	\$25,260	\$31,200	\$37,884	\$6,000	\$35,000
Chaves		17,300	19,800	22,250	24,700	2,000	N/A

Cibola	10,500	14,000	17,000			
Colfax	7,860	10,610	13,330	16,050	2,720	
Curry	15,000					22,500
De Baca	15,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	N/A	N/A
Dona Ana	18,770	28,155	29,655	31,155	N/A	N/A
Eddy	16,931					25,396
Grant	18,770	28,155				
Guadalupe						19,710
Hidalgo	17,025					25,537
Lea	16,346					24,519
Los Alamos	15,303	17,672	20,040	22,409	2,369	
Luna	18,770	28,155				
McKinley	16,975	19,725	22,475	25,225		30,475
Mora	7,740	10,360	12,980	15,800	2,670	
Otero	18,055	27,083	30,083	31,583	1,500	
Quay	13,000	14,000	15,400	16,800	1,000	
Rio Arriba	14,000	19,000	20,000	21,000	1,000	
Roosevelt	12,000	14,400	15,600	16,800	1,200	19,200
San Juan	18,206	27,300	27,300	27,300	1,500	30,300
San Miguel	15,000					21,000
Sandoval	14,844	19,025	23,206	27,387	4,181	
Santa Fe						
Sierra	11,052	14,760	18,486	22,212	3,726	
Taos	18,055					27,082
Torrance	15,780	21,220	26,660	32,100	5,440	
Union	14,750	16,100	17,500	18,900	1,100	
Valencia	12,084	16,278	20,481	24,684	4,188	
Minimum	\$7,740	\$10,360	\$12,980	\$15,800	\$1,000	\$19,200
Maximum	18,880	28,160	31,200	37,880	26,980	35,100
Median	15,300	19,030	20,040	23,550	2,520	25,400
Mean	\$15,110	\$19,570	\$21,250	\$24,000	\$4,220	\$25,530

- Source: CIF Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- Totals, means & medians rounded to nearest 10.
- Counties without CIF (not listed): Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.

Table 4-6  
Automatically Increase Income Eligibility Levels  
SFY 98

CIF Counties	Response
Bernalillo	Yes
Chaves	Yes
Cibola	No
Colfax	Yes
Curry	No
De Baca	No
Dona Ana	Yes
Eddy	Yes
Grant	Yes
Guadalupe	No
Hidalgo	No
Lea	No
Los Alamos	No
Luna	Yes

McKinley	Yes
Mora	No
Otero	No
Quay	No
Rio Arriba	Yes
Roosevelt	No
San Juan	No
San Miguel	?
Sandoval	N/A
Santa Fe	N/A
Sierra	Yes
Taos	No
Torrance	No
Union	No
Valencia	Yes

- Source: CIF Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- Counties without CIF: Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.
- N/A not applicable; ? no response.

Table 4-7  
 Managing Eligibility Requirements by Contract  
 SFY 98

<i>Counties Contracting with Providers</i>	<i>Contract Provider Applies County Criteria for Determining Eligibility</i>	<i>Other Arrangements to Determine Eligibility</i>
Bernalillo	Yes	
Cibola	Yes	
Curry	Yes	Yes
Dona Ana	Yes	
Los Alamos	Yes	
Luna		Yes
McKinley		Yes
Rio Arriba	Yes	
Sandoval		Yes
Taos	Yes	
Valencia	Yes	Yes

- Source: CIF Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- Counties without CIF: Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro
- Counties that specified no contracts for provider services: Chaves, Colfax, De Baca, Eddy, Grant, Guadalupe, Hidalgo, Mora, Otero, Quay, Santa Fe, Sierra, Torrance and Union.

Table 4-8  
 Procedures for Determining Medicaid Eligibility  
 SFY 98

<i>CIF Counties</i>	<i>Contact Support Division or Medicaid Office</i>	<i>Question on Application</i>	<i>Require Copy of Eligibility Denial</i>	<i>Require Care Provider to Verify Eligibility</i>	<i>Require Contractor to Verify</i>
Bernalillo			Yes	Yes	
Chaves	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Cibola	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Colfax			Yes		
Curry		Yes		Yes	Yes
De Baca		Yes			
Dona Ana	Yes	Yes			Yes
Eddy		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Grant				Yes	
Guadalupe	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Hidalgo	Yes	Yes		Yes	
Lea				Yes	
Los Alamos	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Luna	Yes	Yes	Yes		
McKinley	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Mora	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Otero	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Quay	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Rio Arriba				Yes	
Roosevelt	Yes		Yes		
San Juan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
San Miguel				Yes	

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Sandoval	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Santa Fe			Yes	
Sierra			Yes	
Taos		Yes		Yes
Torrance		Yes		
Union				Yes
Valencia		Yes		

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- Source: CIF Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- Counties without CIF (not listed): Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.

The type of health care services covered by County Indigent Funds varies county by county. Some will cover all or most health care services while other counties cover only a few services. Chaves County, for example, covers 13 out of 16 of the services listed in the survey while Grant County covers four services. In 1997, legislation was enacted effective in SFY 98, which allowed counties to cover “services designed to promote improved health in the county indigent population, including primary care, prenatal care, dental care, provision of prescription drugs, preventive care or health outreach services.”

Counties also differ in methods of reimbursement, service provisions and whether they pay for services performed out-of-county or out-of-state. Chaves County reimburses 100 percent for all covered providers and services. Luna County reimburses up to 50 percent for hospital care and 100 percent for ambulance services. In some counties, reimbursement is based on either contracted provider rates, Per Diem rates, Medicare DRG rates or charges in a prior year.

Reimbursement limits differ significantly among the participating counties. De Baca County limits payments to \$10,000 per episode per year for each of the four services that the county covers. Eddy County limits all listed services to \$15,000 per claim per episode and also imposes a lifetime maximum per claimant. Some counties limit the number of claims per patient, the covered length of a hospital stay or impose maximum limits per diagnosis.

Nearly all counties (90%) apply the same reimbursement methodology to services provided outside their county but within New Mexico. The situation is somewhat different for out-of-state services. Only thirteen of the 29 CIF counties reimburse out-of-state health care providers for services rendered.

Most CIF counties impose specific restrictions or conditions on services provided. For instance, elective services are not reimbursable in 12 counties, while some counties restrict the number of reimbursed pregnancies or forbid payments for abortions. Ten counties indicated that they did not apply specific restrictions or conditions on services provided.

Most counties provide service to residents on a “first come, first served” basis. Four counties give priority to hospitals. Six counties have no set priority system.

Tables 5-1 through 5-6 describe the wide range of covered services provided during SFY 98. The tables also show how individual counties handled and limited reimbursements or services rendered. Viewed overall, this demonstrates the flexibility of the “Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act.” Basically, the counties set their own rules when determining the number and types of service they will reimburse out of their respective CIFs.

Tables 5-1, 5-2 and 5-3 include the letter “X” to denote services that are apparently not covered and/or reimbursed by counties. The tables also show “No” or a “blank” when a service was not provided. Question marks illustrate cases where the service was apparently covered, but counties did not give specifics in their survey report.

Table 5-1  
Covered Services Reimbursed by Counties  
SFY 98

Covered Service	Bernalillo	Chaves	Cibola	Colfax	Curry	De Baca	Dona Ana	Eddy	Grant	Guadalupe
Inpatient Hospital	X	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Outpatient Hospital	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ground Ambulance	X	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Air Ambulance	X	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Drug Rehabilitation	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	X	Yes
Alcohol Rehabilitation	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	X	Yes
Mental Health Services	X	Yes	X	Yes	X	X	Yes	Yes	X	X
Nursing Home Care	X	N/A	X	X	X	X	N/A	N/A	X	X
Instate Hospice	X	Yes	X	X	Yes	X	Yes	N/A	X	X
Instate Home Health	X	Yes	X	X	Yes	X	N/A	Yes	X	X
Prenatal Care	X	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	N/A	X	Yes
Primary Care	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	X	Yes	N/A	X	X
Dental care	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	X	X	Yes	N/A	X	X
Health Outreach Services	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	N/A	X	X
Preventive Care	X	X	X	X	X	X	Yes	N/A	X	X
Prescription Drugs	X	Yes	X	X	X	X	Yes	N/A	X	X

Table 5-1 continued

Covered Service	Hidalgo	Lea	Los Alamos	Luna	McKinley	Mora	Otero	Quay	Rio Arriba	Roosevelt
Inpatient Hospital	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Outpatient Hospital	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes
Ground Ambulance	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	X	Yes
Air Ambulance	X	X	Yes	Yes	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	X	Yes
Drug Rehabilitation	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	X	N/A	N/A	X	N/A
Alcohol Rehabilitation	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	X	N/A	N/A	X	N/A
Mental Health Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	X	N/A	N/A	X	N/A
Nursing Home Care	X	X	Yes	X	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	X	N/A
Instate Hospice	X	X	Yes	X	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	X	N/A
Instate Home Health	X	X	Yes	X	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	X	N/A
Prenatal Care	X	Yes	Yes	X	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	X	N/A
Primary Care	Yes	X	X	X	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	X	N/A
Dental care	X	X	X	X	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	X	N/A
Health Outreach Services	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	Yes	Yes	X	N/A
Preventive Care	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	Yes	Yes	X	N/A
Prescription Drugs	X	X	X	X	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	X	N/A

Table 5-1 continued

Covered Service	Sandoval	San Juan	San Miguel	Santa Fe	Sierra	Taos	Torrance	Union	Valencia
Inpatient Hospital	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Outpatient Hospital	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes
Ground Ambulance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Air Ambulance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Drug Rehabilitation	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes
Alcohol Rehabilitation	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mental Health Services	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nursing Home Care	X	Yes	X	Yes	X	X	X	No	X
Instate Hospice	X	Yes	X	Yes	X	X	X	Yes	X
Instate Home Health	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	X	X	X	Yes	X
Prenatal Care	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	X	X	Yes	Yes	X
Primary Care	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	X	X	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dental care	X	Yes	X	Yes	X	X	Yes	No	Yes
Health Outreach Services	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No	X
Preventive Care	X	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	Yes	Yes
Prescription Drugs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	X	X	No	X

- Source: CIF Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- X: service apparently not covered; N/A: Not Applicable; and No: service not reimbursed.
- Counties without CIF (not listed): Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.

Table 5-2  
Methods, Percents, or Amounts of Billed Charges Reimbursed by Counties  
SFY 98

Covered Service	Bernalillo	Chaves	Cibola	Colfax	Curry	De Baca	Dona Ana	Eddy	Grant	Guadalupe
Inpatient Hospital	X	100%	100%	CT	72%	80%	%92 Fees	PDR	90%	V

Outpatient Hospital	X	100%	X	CT	72%	80%	%92 Fees	41%	90%	V
Ground Ambulance	X	100%	X	CT	72%	L	%92 Fees	70%	90%	V
Air Ambulance	X	100%	X	CT	72%	X	M	70%	90%	V
Drug Rehabilitation	X	100%	100%	CT	72%	X	%92 Fees	PDR	X	V
Alcohol Rehabilitation	X	100%	100%	CT	72%	X	%92 Fees	PDR	X	V
Mental Health Services	X	100%	X	CT	X	X	%92 Fees	PDR	X	X
Nursing Home Care	X	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Instate Hospice	X	100%	X	X	72%	X	%92 Fees	X	X	X
Instate Home Health	X	100%	X	X	X	X	X	PDR	X	X
Prenatal Care	X	100%	X	CT	72%	X	M	X	X	V
Primary Care	\$50/visit	100%	100%	X	72%	X	M	X	X	X
Dental care	C	100%	X	CT	X	X	M	X	X	X
Health Outreach Services	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Preventive Care	X	X	X	X	X	X	M, MDR	X	X	X
Prescription Drugs	X	100%	X	X	X	X	100%	X	X	X

Table 5-2 continued

Covered Service	Hidalgo	Lea	Los Alamos	Luna	McKinley	Mora	Otero	Quay	Rio Arriba
Inpatient Hospital	90%	?	100%	50%	75%	?	90% to \$10,000	90%	80%
Outpatient Hospital	90%	X	100%	50%	75%	?	90% to \$10,000	?	X
Ground Ambulance	100% to \$500	X	100%	100%	X	?	90% to \$500		X
Air Ambulance	X	X	100%	100%	X	X	X		X
Drug Rehabilitation	90%	?	100%	X	75%	X	X		X
Alcohol Rehabilitation	90%	?	100%	X	75%	X	X		X
Mental Health Services	90%	?	100%	X	75%	X	X		X
Nursing Home Care	X	X	100%	X	X	X	X		X
Instate Hospice	X	X	100%	X	X	X	X		X
Instate Home Health	X	X	100%	X	X	X	90%/Claim to \$7,000		X
Prenatal Care	X	?	100%	X	X	?	X		X
Primary Care	L	X	X	X	60%	X	X	90%	X
Dental care	X	X	X	X	60%	X	X	?	X
Health Outreach Services	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	?	X
Preventive Care	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	?	X
Prescription Drugs	X	X	X	X	60%	X	X	?	X

- Source: CIF Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- No = service not covered by county; X = service apparently not covered by county
- ? = (Covered Service, but no explanation, percent or amount provided by county).
- C = (Contractually Set); M = (Medicaid Based); PDR = (Per Diem Rate); MDR = (Medicare DRG Rates); L = (Limited-not specified); CT= Combined Total Maximum Applies Covered Services; V= % Varies on Funds Available.
- In Dona Ana County: %92 Fees = Percent of 1992 charges
- Counties without CIF (not listed): Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.

Table 5-2 continued: Methods, Percents

Covered Service	Roosevelt	Sandoval	San Juan	San Miguel	Santa Fe
Inpatient Hospital	72%	90%	100%	35%-80%	V
Outpatient Hospital	72%	90%	100%	35%-80%	50%
Ground Ambulance	72%	90%	100%	35%-80%	100%
Air Ambulance	72%	90%	100%	35%-80%	MDR
Drug Rehabilitation	X	90%	100%	X	MDR
Alcohol Rehabilitation	X	90%	100%	X	MDR

Mental Health Services	X	90%	100%	X	MDR
Nursing Home Care	X	X	100%	X	MDR
Instate Hospice	X	X	100%	X	MDR
Instate Home Health	X	90%	100%	X	MDR
Prenatal Care	X	90%	100%	X	MDR
Primary Care	X	90%	100%	X	MDR
Dental care	X	X	100%	X	MDR
Health Outreach Services	X	X	X	X	X
Preventive Care	X	X	100%	X	X
Prescription Drugs	X	100%	100%	100%	MDR

Table 5-2 continued

Covered Service	Sierra	Taos	Torrance	Union	Valencia
Inpatient Hospital	39%-61%	100%	?	100% \$15,000 Max	65%-100%
Outpatient Hospital	V	100%	X	?	65%-100%
Ground Ambulance	80%	100%	?	?	?
Air Ambulance	80%	100%	?	No	?
Drug Rehabilitation	X	?	X	?	65%-100%
Alcohol Rehabilitation	X	80% once/lifetime	?	?	65%-100%
Mental Health Services	X	C \$4,200 Max/Person	?	?	65%-100%
Nursing Home Care	X	X	X	No	X
Instate Hospice	X	X	X	?	X
Instate Home Health	X	X	X	?	X
Prenatal Care	X	X	?	?	X
Primary Care	X	X	?	?	65%-100%
Dental care	X	X	?	No	65%-100%
Health Outreach Services	X	X	X	?	X
Preventive Care	X	X	X	?	65%-100%
Prescription Drugs	X	X	X	No	X

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- ? = (Covered Service, but no explanation, percent or amount provided by county).
- C = (Contractually Set); M = (Medicaid Based); PDR = (Per Diem Rate); MDR = (Medicare DRG Rates); L = (Limited-not specified); CT= Combined Total Maximum Applies Covered Services; V= % Varies on Funds Available.
- In Dona Ana County: %92 Fees = Percent of 1992 charges
- Counties without CIF (not listed): Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.

Table 5-3  
Limits on Reimbursements for Service by County  
SFY 98

Service	Bernalillo	Chaves	Cibola	Colfax
Inpatient Hospital	X	\$15,000/person/Yr	\$15,000/Person/Yr \$10,000/Claim/episode	\$10,000/Person/\$5,000/Yr
Outpatient Hospital	X	\$15,000/person/Yr	X	\$10,000/Person/\$5,000/Yr
Ground Ambulance	X	\$15,000/person/Yr	X	\$5000/Person/Yr
Air Ambulance	X	\$15,000/person/Yr	X	\$5000/Person/Yr
Drug Rehabilitation	X	\$10,000/Person/Yr/1 Claim	X	\$5000/Person/Yr
Alcohol Rehabilitation	X	\$10,000/Person/Yr/1 Claim	X	\$5000/Person/Yr
Mental Health Care	X	\$15,000/person/Yr/1 Claim	X	\$5000/Person/Yr
Nursing Home Care	X	X	X	X
Instate Hospice Care	X	\$10,000/Person/Yr	X	X
Instate Home Health Care	X	\$10,000/Person/Yr	X	X
Prenatal Care Service	C	\$10,000/Person/Yr	X	\$10,000 to \$5,000/Lifetime

Primary Care	C	\$5,000/Person/Yr	\$15,000/Person/Yr	\$10,000/Claim/episode	X
Dental care	X	Included Primary Care	X		X
Health Outreach Services	X	X	X		X
Preventive Care	X	X	X		X
Prescription Drugs	X	X	X		X

Table 5-3 continued

Service	Curry	De Baca	Dona Ana	Eddy
Inpatient Hospital	X	\$10,000/Person/Yr	\$30,000/Person/Yr	\$15,000/Claim/Episode/\$30,000/Lifetime
Outpatient Hospital	X	\$10,000/Person/Yr	\$30,000/Person/Yr	\$15,000/Claim/Episode/\$30,000/Lifetime
Ground Ambulance	X	\$10,000/Person/Yr	\$30,000/Person/Yr	\$1,500/Claim/Episode/\$30,000/Lifetime
Air Ambulance	X	\$10,000/Person/Yr	\$30,000/Person/Yr	\$1,500/Claim/Episode/\$30,000/Lifetime
Drug Rehabilitation	\$1,200/Lifetime	X	X	\$15,000/Claim/Episode/\$30,000/Lifetime
Alcohol Rehabilitation	\$1,200/Lifetime	X	X	\$15,000/Claim/Episode/\$30,000/Lifetime
Mental Health Care	X	X	X	\$15,000/Claim/Episode/\$30,000/Lifetime
Nursing Home Care	X	X	X	X
Instate Hospice Care	X	X	\$15,000/Person/Yr	X
Instate Home Health Care	X	X	X	\$15,000/Claim/Episode/\$30,000/Lifetime
Prenatal Care Service	X	X	\$15,000/Person/Yr	X
Primary Care	X	X	\$15,000/Person/Yr	X
Dental care	X	X	\$15,000/Person/Yr	X
Health Outreach Services	X	X	x	X
Preventive Care	X	X	\$15,000/Person/Yr	X
Prescription Drugs	X	x	\$15,000/Person/Yr	X

Table 5-3 continued

Service	Grant	Guadalupe	Hidalgo	Lea
Inpatient Hospital	\$10,000/Claim/Episode	\$15,000/Person/Yr & Varies/Claim/Episode	\$5,000/Person/Yr	80%Claim/Episode
Outpatient Hospital	\$10,000/Claim/Episode	Varies/Claim/Episode	X	X
Ground Ambulance	\$500/Claim/Episode	Varies/Claim/Episode	\$500/Person/Yr	X
Air Ambulance	\$500/Claim/Episode	Varies/Claim/Episode	X	X
Drug Rehabilitation	X	2 Day Stay & Varies/Claim/Episode	X	X
Alcohol Rehabilitation	X	2 Day Stay & Varies/Claim/Episode	X	X
Mental Health Care	X	X	X	X
Nursing Home Care	X	X	X	X
Instate Hospice Care	X	X	X	X
Instate Home Health Care	X	X	X	X
Prenatal Care Service	X	1 Pregnancy	X	X
Primary Care	X	X	X	X
Dental care	X	X	X	X
Health Outreach Services	X	X	X	X
Preventive Care	X	X	X	X
Prescription Drugs	X	X	X	X

- See footnotes end of Table 5-3.

Table 5-3 continued: Limits on Reimbursements

Service	Los Alamos	Luna	McKinley
Inpatient Hospital	\$25,000/Person/yr\$25,000/Claim/Episode	\$5,000/Person/Yr	\$15,000/Person/Yr
Outpatient Hospital	\$25,000/Person/yr\$25,000/Claim/Episode	X	Combined w/ Inpatient Hospital
Ground Ambulance	\$25,000/Person/yr\$25,000/Claim/Episode	\$500/Person/Yr	X
Air Ambulance	\$25,000/Person/yr\$25,000/Claim/Episode	X	X
Drug Rehabilitation	\$25,000/Person/yr\$25,000/Claim/Episode	X	Combined w/ Inpatient Hospital
Alcohol Rehabilitation	\$25,000/Person/yr\$25,000/Claim/Episode\$25,000/Lifetime	X	Combined w/ Inpatient Hospital
Mental Health Care	\$25,000/Person/yr\$25,000/Claim/Episode\$25,000/Lifetime	X	X
Nursing Home Care	\$25,000/Person/yr\$25,000/Claim/Episode	X	X
Instate Hospice Care	\$25,000/Person/yr\$25,000/Claim/Episode	X	X
Instate Home Health Care	\$25,000/Person/yr\$25,000/Claim/Episode	X	X
Prenatal Care Service	\$25,000/Person/yr\$25,000/Claim/Episode	X	X
Primary Care	X	X	\$2,000/Claim/Episode/\$2,000/diagnosis
Dental care	X	X	Combined w/ Primary Care
Health Outreach Services	X	X	X
Preventive Care	X	X	X

Prescription Drugs	X	X	Combined w/ Primary Care
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Table 5-3 continued

Service	Mora	Otero	Quay	Rio Arriba
Inpatient Hospital	\$500/Person/Yr	\$10,000/Claim/Episode/\$10,000/Diagnosis	\$5,000/Person/Yr/\$5,000/Claim/Episode	\$5,000/Claim/Episode
Outpatient Hospital	\$150/Person/Yr	\$10,000/Claim/Episode/\$10,000/Diagnosis	\$5,000/Person/Yr/\$5,000/Claim/Episode	X
Ground Ambulance	X	\$10,000/Claim/Episode/\$500/Diagnosis	X	X
Air Ambulance	X	X	X	X
Drug Rehabilitation	X	X	X	X
Alcohol Rehabilitation	X	X	X	X
Mental Health Care	X	X	X	X
Nursing Home Care	X	X	X	X
Instate Hospice Care	X	X	X	X
Instate Home Health Care	X	\$7,000/Claim/Episode/\$7,000/Diagnosis	X	X
Prenatal Care Service	X	X	X	X
Primary Care	X	X	\$5,000/Person/Yr/\$5,000/Claim/Episode	X
Dental care	X	X	X	X
Health Outreach Services	X	X	X	X
Preventive Care	X	X	X	X
Prescription Drugs	X	X	X	X

Table 5-3 continued

Service	Roosevelt	San Juan	San Miguel	Sandoval
Inpatient Hospital	\$6,000/Claim/Episode/\$12,000/lifetime/Person	\$50,000/Lifetime	\$15,000/Claim/Episode	\$10,000/Person/Yr
Outpatient Hospital	\$6,000/Claim/Episode/\$12,000/lifetime/Person	\$50,000/Lifetime	\$15,000/Claim/Episode	\$10,000/Person/Yr
Ground Ambulance	\$600/Claim/Episode	\$50,000/Lifetime	\$15,000/Claim/Episode	\$500/Person/Yr
Air Ambulance	\$600/Claim/Episode	\$50,000/Lifetime	\$15,000/Claim/Episode	\$2,000/Person/Yr
Drug Rehabilitation	X	\$50,000/Lifetime	X	\$10,000/Person/Yr
Alcohol Rehabilitation	X	\$50,000/Lifetime	X	\$10,000/Person/Yr
Mental Health Care	X	\$50,000/Lifetime	X	\$10,000/Person/Yr
Nursing Home Care	X	\$50,000/Lifetime	X	X
Instate Hospice Care	X	\$50,000/Lifetime	X	X
Instate Home Health Care	X	\$50,000/Lifetime	X	\$10,000/Person/Yr
Prenatal Care Service	X	\$50,000/Lifetime	X	\$10,000/Person/Yr
Primary Care	X	\$50,000/Lifetime	X	\$10,000/Person/Yr
Dental care	X	\$50,000/Lifetime	X	X
Health Outreach Services	X	X	X	X
Preventive Care	X	\$50,000/Lifetime	X	X
Prescription Drugs	X	\$50,000/Lifetime	100%/Claim/Episode	\$1,000/Person/Yr

- See footnotes end of Table 5-3.

Table 5-3 continued: Limits on Reimbursements

Service	Santa Fe	Sierra	Taos
Inpatient Hospital	\$25,000/Lifetime	\$15,000/Claim/Episode	\$15,000/Person/Yr
Outpatient Hospital	X	\$15,000/Claim/Episode	\$15,000/Person/Yr
Ground Ambulance	X	\$15,000/Claim/Episode	\$15,000/Person/Yr
Air Ambulance	X	\$15,000/Claim/Episode	\$15,000/Person/Yr
Drug Rehabilitation	21 Day Inpatient 42 Day Outpatient/Lifetime	\$15,000/Lifetime	\$7,500/Claim/Once
Alcohol Rehabilitation	21 Day Inpatient 42 Day Outpatient/Lifetime	\$15,000/Lifetime	\$7,500/Claim/Once
Mental Health Care	\$25,000/Lifetime	X	X
Nursing Home Care	X	X	X
Instate Hospice Care	X	X	X
Instate Home Health Care	X	X	X
Prenatal Care Service	X	X	X
Primary Care	X	X	X
Dental care	X	X	X
Health Outreach Services	X	X	X
Preventive Care	X	X	X
Prescription Drugs	X	X	X

Table 5-3 continued

<i>Service</i>	<i>Torrance</i>	<i>Union</i>	<i>Valencia</i>
Inpatient Hospital	\$4,000/Person/Yr/\$2,000/Claim/Episode	\$15,000/Claim/Episode	\$15,000/Person/Yr/Claim/Episode
Outpatient Hospital	X	\$15,000/Claim/Episode	\$15,000/Person/Yr/Claim/Episode
Ground Ambulance	\$500/Person/Yr/\$90/Claim/Episode	\$15,000/Claim/Episode	\$425/Claim/Episode 3 Trips/Yr.
Air Ambulance	\$1,500/Person/Yr/\$1,500/Claim/Episode	X	X
Drug Rehabilitation	X	\$15,000/Person/Yr	\$15,000/Person/Yr/Claim/Episode
Alcohol Rehabilitation	\$4,000/Person/Yr/\$2,000/Claim/Episode	\$15,000/Person/Yr	\$15,000/Person/Yr/Claim/Episode
Mental Health Care	\$4,000/Person/Yr/\$2,000/Claim/Episode	\$15,000/Person/Yr	\$15,000/Person/Yr/Claim/Episode
Nursing Home Care	X	X	X
Instate Hospice Care	X	\$15,000/Person/Yr	X
Instate Home Health Care	X	\$15,000/Person/Yr	X
Prenatal Care Service	\$4,000/Person/Yr/\$2,000/Claim/Episode	\$15,000/Person/Yr	X
Primary Care	\$455/Person/Yr\$94/Claim/Episode	X	\$15,000/Person/Yr/Claim/Episode
Dental care	\$540/Person/Yr/\$90/Claim/Episode	X	\$15,000/Person/Yr/Claim/Episode
Health Outreach Services	X	X	X
Preventive Care	X	\$15,000/Person/Yr	\$15,000/Person/Yr/Claim/Episode
Prescription Drugs	X	X	X

- Source: CIF Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- X: service apparently not covered, or not restricted, or not limited; C: (Contractually Set)
- Limit = \$amount limited-no specifics provided by county.
- Counties without CIF (not listed): Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.

Table 5-4  
Out-of-County  
Reimbursement Criteria by County  
SFY 98

<i>CIF Counties</i>	<i>Reimburse Out-of-County Services</i>	<i>Apply Different Out-of-County Criteria</i>	<i>Reimburse Out-of-State Services</i>	<i>Apply Different Out-of-State Criteria</i>
Bernalillo	No		No	
Chaves	Yes	No	No	
Cibola	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Colfax	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Curry	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
De Baca	Yes	No	No	
Dona Ana	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eddy	Yes	No	Yes	No
Grant	Yes	Yes	No	
Guadalupe	No		No	

Hidalgo	Yes	No	No	
Lea	Yes	Yes	No	
Los Alamos	Yes	No	Yes	No
Luna	Yes	Yes	No	
McKinley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mora	Yes		No	
Otero	Yes	No	No	
Quay	Yes	No	Yes	
Rio Arriba	No		No	
Roosevelt	Yes	No	Yes	No
San Juan	Yes	No	No	
San Miguel	Yes	No	No	
Sandoval	Yes		Yes	
Santa Fe	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sierra	Yes	No	No	
Taos	Yes	No	Yes	No
Torrance	Yes	No	No	
Union	Yes	No	No	
Valencia	Yes	No	Yes	No

- Source: CIF Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- Counties without CIF: Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.

Table 5-5  
Specific Restrictions or Conditions  
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<i>CIF Counties</i>	<i>Restrictions, Conditions, Prohibited</i>
Bernalillo	None
Chaves	Elective Surgery/Treatment, Nursing Homes, No Physician Care Unless Employed or Contracted with Provider.
Cibola	Out-of-County if Available In-County, Elective Surgery/Treatment, Limit Two Claims/Patient: Alcohol/Drug Treatment.
Colfax	Prenatal: One Claim/Person/Lifetime, In-County \$10,000. Out-County \$5,000, Outpatient \$500
Curry	\$10,000 Initial Claim, Commission May Approve >\$10,000 if Available Funds
De Baca	Elective Surgery/Treatment, Nursing Homes, Home Health Care, No Doctor Care Unless Via Provider, Obstetrics, Substance Abuse, Mental Health Services
Dona Ana	Elective Surgery
Eddy	None
Grant	None
Guadalupe	Elective Surgery, Third-Party Deductible, HSD Assistance
Hidalgo	None
Lea	Limit to Five days in Pavilion, All Therapy Services
Los Alamos	Only Medically Necessary Treatment, Qualified Provider

Luna	None
McKinley	Elective Surgery, Exclude Claims if Illegal Act
Mora	Elective Surgery Only if Relates to Underlying Medical Problem
Otero	None
Quay	None
Rio Arriba	None
Roosevelt	Abortions, # Pregnancies, Elective Surgery
San Juan	Elective Procedures/Treatment
San Miguel	Medication Program for People >=55 Yr. Of Age, or Chronic Illness
Sandoval	Elective Surgery/Treatment
Santa Fe	Elective Surgery, Work-Related Injury, Medicaid Costs
Sierra	None
Taos	None
Torrance	No Bill Over 9 Months, Date of Medical service must Coincide w/ Hospital Stay
Union	Elective Procedures, Abortions
Valencia	Must be Medically Necessary

- Source: CIF Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- Counties without CIF: Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.

Table 5-6  
 Priorities for CIF Claims  
 SFY 98

<i>CIF Counties</i>	<i>First come, First served Basis</i>	<i>Priority System</i>
Bernalillo	Yes	"Order" Approved by IHC Board
Chaves	No	
Cibola	Yes	
Colfax	Yes	
Curry	Yes	
De Baca	No	Hospitals
Dona Ana	No	
Eddy	Yes	
Grant	Yes	
Guadalupe	Yes	
Hidalgo	Yes	In-County Claims
Lea	No	
Los Alamos	Yes	
Luna	Yes	
McKinley	Yes	
Mora	Yes	Hospitals
Otero	Yes	
Quay	No	

Rio Arriba	No	Hospitals
Roosevelt	Yes	
San Juan	Yes	
San Miguel	Yes	
Sandoval	Yes	
Santa Fe	Yes	
Sierra	Yes	
Taos	Yes	
Torrance	Yes	
Union	Yes	
Valencia	Yes	

- Source: CIF Health Care Reports returned by respective counties.
- Counties without CIF: Catron, Harding, Lincoln & Socorro.