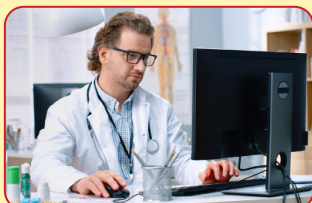


What One Legislative Session Can Do

The 2026 legislative session was one of the most consequential for New Mexico physicians in a generation. Across financial, regulatory, legal, and structural domains, the New Mexico Medical Society delivered — and the results will be felt in your practice for years to come.

This is what advocacy looks like when it works.



PROTECTING YOUR INCOME

A new **\$10,000 personal income tax credit for physicians** is now in effect, with no sunset until 2033. Combined with the elimination of gross receipts taxes on patient copays and deductibles, the session delivered real, meaningful relief to physicians' bottom lines — not promises, not studies, not task forces. Done.



REFORMING MEDICAID — ACTUALLY

Medicaid reimbursement rates across New Mexico are now set at **no less than 100% of Medicare statewide** — and **150% of Medicare** for primary care, maternal/child health, behavioral health, and affiliated Evaluation and Management codes. If you've ever written off Medicaid patients as financially unsustainable, those calculations have changed.

New transparency and reimbursement requirements for Medicaid Managed Care Organizations also take effect January 1, 2027, so the rates in your contract are the rates you receive.



CUTTING THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE FRICTION

30-day insurance credentialing is now the law. No more indefinite delays. No more limbo between signing and seeing patients. You can open a practice and get to work.



TRANSFORMING MALPRACTICE LIABILITY

Seven comprehensive reforms to the Medical Malpractice Act were enacted this session — among the most significant changes to the law in decades. Punitive damages are now barred from initial complaints, capped at 1× compensatory damages for independent physicians, and held to a clear and convincing evidentiary standard. Damage calculations are now based on what was paid, not what was billed. Claims stacking has been addressed. The Patient Compensation Fund has been stabilized permanently.

For physicians considering independent practice, these reforms remove some of the most serious financial risks that have historically come with that choice.



THE WORK CONTINUES

New Mexico is positioned for future wins on economic credentialing and prior authorization. The advocacy infrastructure is strong, the relationships are built, and the momentum is real.

One session. Real results. A community that fights for you.

This is New Mexico. Come be part of it.