

The MolinaCares Accord in

NEW MEXICO**In this issue:**

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**Welcome from
Plan President,
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I'm pleased to share our latest 2022 community investment updates in this second edition of **The MolinaCares Accord New Mexico Newsletter**. The MolinaCares Accord (MolinaCares), is our commitment to philanthropic investment, educational programming and community partnerships. MolinaCares, in partnership with Molina Healthcare of New Mexico (Molina), is working tirelessly to strengthen communities across New Mexico, partnering and collaborating with local organizations to best support and address the health and well-being of all New Mexicans.

This month's newsletter highlights our community sponsorship of the KRQE Cares Shoes for Kids program, which provides kids in Title 1 schools with new shoes. This program is crucial to the health and well-being of children in Albuquerque providing a positive impact on their confidence and engagement in school.

I am also excited to announce that MolinaCares is holding its first virtual panel in New Mexico on April 12, titled **Addressing Elevated Social Isolation and Behavioral Health Issues in Seniors**. I hope you will be able to join us. You can read more about the panel and how to register on page 4.

I look forward to staying in touch with you as we continue to build a brighter future for all New Mexicans.

Best,

David Nater
Plan President
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MolinaCares in the community

Addressing Food Security and Healthy Lifestyles: FarmboxRx

MolinaCares commits significant resources to programs and partnerships that tackle social determinants of health. In New Mexico, Molina works to support those struggling with health and food insecurity through a community sponsorship with FarmboxRx. Via the link below, please see a video highlighting how FarmboxRx has helped Cecelia Gonzales-Quintana.

Gonzales-Quintana experienced a stroke three years ago and lost mobility on the right side of her body. Due to hypertension, she needs to maintain a healthy diet. With FarmboxRx, she regularly receives fresh produce, along with a corresponding brochure that provides healthy recipes and nutrition tips. “Thanks to Molina, FarmboxRx not only delivers healthy, fresh produce; they make you aware of foods that you shouldn’t be eating because they are harmful,” **said Gonzales-Quintana.**

To watch the video, [click here.](#)



Molina sponsors KRQE Cares Shoes for Kids program

Molina is a proud sponsor of the KRQE Cares Shoes for Kids program that ensures every child in Albuquerque Title 1 schools receives a new pair of athletic shoes. Since 2015, KRQE Cares Shoes for Kids has provided over 22,000 pairs of shoes to local kids, ensuring they feel confident at school and can participate in activities.

“Sponsoring programs like Shoes for Kids is just one of the many ways Molina works to support our mission and reflect on our MolinaCares commitment to the community,” **said David Nater, plan president for Molina Healthcare of New Mexico.** “For kids, wearing new shoes can have an immediate and positive impact on their confidence and reinforces active lifestyles that can lead to improved health and well-being.”

Learn more about KRQE Cares and the Shoes for Kids program [here.](#)



Molina appears on KRQE New Mexico

Recently, David Nater and Buffie Saavedra, director of community and member engagement, appeared on KRQE to discuss Molina’s community partnership with the KRQE Cares Shoes for Kids program and other Molina initiatives.

“We feel at Molina, and I personally feel, that the mission to help families and children is of utmost importance,” **said Saavedra.** “It really helps kids feel good about themselves when they feel good about what they are wearing and empowers them to be active.”

Watch David Nater’s full appearance on KRQE [here.](#)

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Additional activities

NASW-NM Social Work Reimagined



Molina was a key community sponsor of the 41st annual **Social Work Reimagined** conference hosted by the National Association of Social Workers New Mexico chapter on March 23-25. One of the largest in the country, the in-person conference featured national experts, innovative programs, and intervention initiatives. David Nater and Molina chief medical officer Dr. Irene Ortiz introduced keynote speakers at the conference and hosted an exhibit table for attendees to interact and learn more about the organization's work. As a key community sponsor, Molina funded scholarships for attendees who could not otherwise afford to attend the conference, echoing our MolinaCares commitment to the community-at-large.

New Mexico Association for the Education of Young Children: Resilience: Recharge and Electrify on the Road to Recovery

In April, Molina served as a key community sponsor at the New Mexico Association for the Education of Young Children's annual conference titled **Resilience: Recharge and Electrify on the Road to Recovery**. Molina hosted three breakout sessions, and delivered opening remarks at the in-person conference, which focused on how to reduce the achievement gap and empower student success across New Mexico. MolinaCares community sponsorships support important conversations that improve the health and lives of all New Mexicans.



Upcoming events

Virtual panel: Addressing Elevated Social Isolation and Behavioral Health Issues in Seniors

MolinaCares is hosting its first virtual panel in New Mexico on April 12 from 12-1 p.m. MT, titled **Addressing Elevated Social Isolation and Behavioral Health Issues in Seniors**. Elder New Mexicans have historically faced social isolation challenges, and the COVID-19 pandemic has further heightened this issue as those with chronic illness continue to be considered high risk and remain isolated. The expanse of our state, broadband challenges, and the caregiver crisis have also exacerbated the situation. Our panel will address this important topic and discuss solutions that have been identified and implemented as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 crisis.



Host: David Nater, plan president, Molina Healthcare of New Mexico

Moderator: Dr. Irene Ortiz, M.D., chief medical officer, Molina Healthcare of New Mexico

Keynote: Katrina Hotrum-Lopez, cabinet secretary, New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department

Panelists Include:

- Larry Curley, M.P.A, executive director, National Indian Council on Aging
- Lena Ernst, Ph.D., founder and clinical director, Retreat Healthcare
- Anna Sanchez, director, City of Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs

Register for the panel [here](#).

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