



2009: The Health Security Act

Now More Than Ever:

Health care costs continue to escalate....
 The state's General Fund faces a huge budget deficit....
 The nation's economy is the worst since the Great Depression.
 Only the Health Security Act offers us a way out.

Only Health Security gets New Mexico's rising health costs under control.

We can't afford to wait any longer.
 And only the Health Security Act has broad public support.

Small investment saves hundreds of millions of dollars:

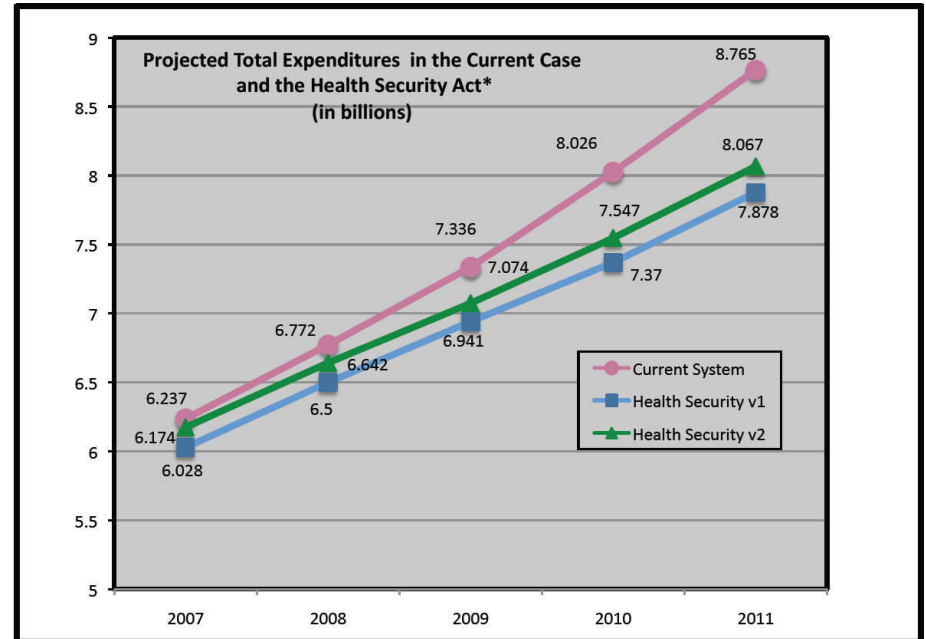
- It is the only plan for universal coverage that reduces health care costs and covers everyone.
- Two studies (Mathematica - 2007 and Lewin - 1994) have demonstrated, in the first year alone, the Health Security Plan could *reduce* overall state health care costs by up to \$200 million.
- Passage of the Health Security Act will lead to state government finally being able to control the ever-increasing Medicaid, state employee and retiree health care costs.
- If established, it will reduce pressures on the general fund and free-up dollars that can be spent on education, the environment, and economic development.

Set up our own cooperative health plan:

- Once passed, in the first year, the *Legislative Finance Committee is in charge* of analyzing the real cost of the Health Security Plan and developing a financing proposal. If the Plan is unaffordable there is a sunset clause in the legislation.
- The Plan's governance commission will be set up **after** the legislature approves the cost and financing. Formulating details of the Plan will take two more years, with opportunities for the legislature to make needed changes and adjustments.

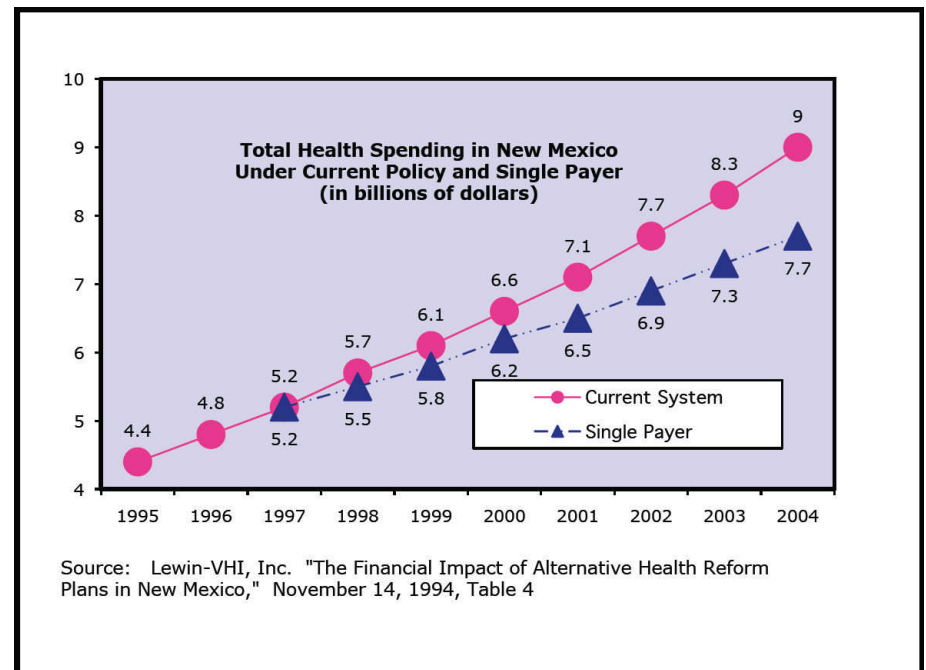
2009: Now is the time to invest in Health Security

The Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign is a broad coalition of 138 organizations. 30 counties and municipalities have endorsed the Health Security Act.
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*Study excludes over-65 and institutional populations.

Source: Mathematica Policy Research, Inc., "Quantitative and Comparative Analysis of Reform Options for Extending Health Care Coverage in New Mexico," Final Report, July 31, 2007, p.65



Source: Lewin-VHI, Inc. "The Financial Impact of Alternative Health Reform Plans in New Mexico," November 14, 1994, Table 4