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To All New Mexico School Nurses:

The State of New Mexico has been listening to our community and school representatives who are concerned about access to vision services for children. We know many students lack vision care. We are partnering with NM Lions Operation KidSight (NMLOKS), Inc., to assist you in ensuring that each of your students with less than optimal vision is afforded an opportunity to take full advantage of your academic programs.

Through two outreach initiatives, NMLOKS' goal to provide vision screenings to NM students and the "Save Our Children's Sight Fund" Program, a comprehensive eye examination and eyeglasses will be provided to any Pre-K through 12th grade student in need who does not have vision insurance.

Enclosed please find a supply of vouchers for your school and you may also download blank vouchers from the NM School Health Manual at www.nmschoolhealthmanual.org. Any child requiring vision care who is identified by the school nurse as lacking vision insurance coverage will be issued a voucher. The voucher entitles that child, at no cost to their family, to a comprehensive eye examination and a pair of eyeglasses, if needed. If a student is identified as needing assistance, please call the NMLOKS Program Manager at 1-575-525-5631. Then, the NMLOKS program manager will coordinate the eye exam and glasses acquisition with the student's parents.

We are grateful to NMLOKS, Inc., for this partnership and their commitment to help children with vision problems get needed eye care. We are grateful to the people of New Mexico for their generous contributions to the Save Our Children's Sight Fund. Donations made to this Fund while registering vehicles with the NM Motor Vehicles Division will keep this program sustainable. Thank you for your help in identifying and referring students in need of eye exams and glasses.

If there are any questions, please contact Jim Farmer at 505-222-8682, or Cindy Greenberg at 505-222-8680, at the NM DOH Office of School and Adolescent Health.

Sincerely,



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