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Dear Healthcare Provider:

The New Mexico Department of Health (NMODH) announces a call for applications for the Birthing Workforce Retention Fund. The fund provides grants to Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNM) and physicians (OB and Family Medicine) who provide full scope perinatal care, including birthing services, and need assistance to cover the cost of malpractice insurance premiums.

The New Mexico Legislature authorized the creation of the Birthing Workforce Retention Fund in 2008 to assist providers of birthing services with the high cost of malpractice insurance premiums. NMDOH, as the administrative agency for this Fund, is extending an invitation to providers to apply for an award starting **Sunday February 1, 2026, through Sunday March 15, 2026.**

To be eligible for an award, the applicant must:

- Be a CNM or physician licensed in New Mexico who provides birthing services;
- Show that NM Medicaid-insured or indigent patients accounted for at least one-half of the births the provider attended during the previous two calendar years (2022-2023);
- Have a current malpractice liability insurance policy covering birthing services; and
- Show intent to continue full scope practice, including birthing services, in New Mexico during the period covered by the award.

Application requirements can be found in [7.30.9 NMAC](#). The deadline to submit applications for the current fiscal year is **Sunday, March 15, 2026**. To be eligible for consideration, applications must be **submitted via the online application platform:**

- <https://forms.office.com/g/3ED84pj12P> or



Please reach out to me directly with any questions about this opportunity.

Sincerely,



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