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## Edgewood, NM Clinic to Address Growing Health Care Need

A stiff breeze is blowing on this sunny crisp fall day in Edgewood, New Mexico. —But nobody cares because everyone’s mood is festive as the ground-breaking celebration for a new health clinic was moved into the Santa Fe County Fire Station.

Nobody cared about being inside. Why? Because soon everyone is going to witness history as ground will be broken to begin construction of the new \$7-million medical clinic in in this town of 4,000.

The East Mountain Regional Health Facility located in Edgewood, NM 30 miles east of Albuquerque begins a new chapter in its history today.

The health clinic currently resides in a ‘hand me down’ 40 year old facility. The 8000 square foot building provides much needed health care service. However, the building has long out lasted its capacity. Over the years the clinic has continued to grow. This year its estimated 18,000 patients will receive medical care at the health clinic.



*Groundbreaking event to “officially” begin construction of the new East Mountain Regional Health Facility is located in Edgewood, NM.*

The new health care facility will be owned by Santa Fe County and First Choice Community Healthcare will operate it. When the new building is completed the medical facility will be a modern 22,000 square foot building complete with 16 exam rooms and 10 dental operatories.

Residents will have access to primary medical care, dental, behavioral health, and the Women Infant Children (WIC) program. The project is expected create 85 new jobs and save 40 existing positions.

Six entities provided the funding to build the facility including a \$1-million dollar loan from Central New Mexico Electric Co-Operative (CNMEC). This money came from USDA Rural Development’s Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program with the cooperative becoming the intermediary. Also, USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) provided \$1-million grant. Because of this funding the new facility will also be home to a new Women Infants and Children’s (WIC) office which will provide supplemental food, health care referrals and nutrition education.

Construction for the new health clinic is expected to be completed by the end of 2018.

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<b>Obligation Amount:</b>	\$1,000,000 REDLG Loan to Central NM Electric Co-Operative
<b>Date of Obligation:</b>	September 21, 2017
<b>Congressional District:</b>	Representative Lujan-Grisham, District 1; Senators: Udall, Heinrich
<b>Partners:</b>	Santa Fe County Go Bond, Health Resource Services Administration (HRSA), USDA WIC, NM State Capital Outlay, Town of Edgewood, Central NM Electric Co-Operative
<b>Demographics:</b>	The estimated 25,000 residents of southern Santa Fe County, eastern Bernalillo and Western Torrance County will benefit from this medical clinic
<b>Impact:</b>	The project will save 40 jobs and create 85 new jobs. The new jobs will have an expected annual salary of \$5.6 million. Total Estimated annual impact on the region is \$28 million

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