



Planned Parenthood's care for patients with STIs & HIV and successful work in prevention

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The Role of Planned Parenthood in treating NM patients

- **PPRM-NM is an important partner in the NM healthcare system**
 - 3 clinics, telehealth, texting, education, community outreach
- **In 2020, PPRM-NM provided:**
 - 14,177 health center visits
 - 4,516 Medicaid patients
 - 17,077 STI tests
 - 2,447 HIV tests
 - 72 PEP & PrEP
 - 32 STI testing telehealth visits



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- **CHLAMYDIA:** NM in 10th highest state rates
- **GONORRHEA:** NM is 11th highest n the US
- **SYPHILIS: Most dramatic increase of STIs**
 - **NM, 2nd in the US** (26 cases in 2019)

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- **PPRM NM values meeting the patient where they are:**
 - **Geographically, using mail in kits & telehealth**
 - Mail-in STI testing started 2021) for gonorrhea and chlamydia
 - Testing kit mailed directly to patients to take in the comfort of their home
 - Mailed back and patient gets results in 7 days
 - Telehealth STI visits started in 2020
 - **Respecting the patient's gender identity:**
 - She/her, he/him, they/them
 - Penis, vagina rather than gendered terms
 - **Using words that are meaningful to the patient**
 - Using STI instead of STD

PPRM Value: Empower the patient to understand their health and make the decision that's right for them

- Mpower: What it is & how it impacts STI & HIV education, treatment and diagnosis
 - NM Mpower is longest running program in US
- Mpower by the numbers:
 - HIV testing to 300 people
 - PEP and PREP services: 35 PEP 92 PrEP
 - Education/Prevention where patients are:
 - LGBTQ community outreach at bars, community gatherings,



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How New Mexico leaders and decision-makers Can Help

NM, and most states in the US, are grappling with dramatically increasing rates of STIs. The following measures would EXPAND access to STI prevention, diagnosis, and treatment:

1. State Grants to provider programs for:
 - pre-paid postage on the mailed STI testing kits, so neither the patient nor the provider is burdened with the \$15 cost per kit
 - Infrastructure to expand telehealth
 - Public awareness campaign – PPRM as powerful communicator
 - Testing and treatment for uninsured people
2. Medicaid reimbursement rates
 - Increased "cassette" for Syphilis and HIV: finger prick blood test with immediate results



**THANK YOU!
QUESTIONS?**

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