To keep up with the latest legislative session, bills, etc., please visit the NMLR website at https://www.nmlr.com. Once you login, you will see a button to click on for the latest NMC Legislative Report.

If you are not logged in, you may click https://www.nmcounties.org/advocacy/legislative-priorities/ to read the latest report on the NMC website.

February 18 – Today deadline for bill introduction
March 20 — Session ends (noon)
April 9 — Legislation not acted upon by governor is pocket vetoed
June 18 — Effective date of legislation not a general appropriation bill or a bill carrying an emergency clause or other specified date
September or October 2021 — Special Session for Redistricting

Questions? Contact Brian (505) 670-5679, Jim, Steve (505) 669-5584, or Grace (505) 690-6199.

Biden Administration announces federal retail pharmacy program

The program will allow eligible people to receive vaccinations at one of 21 national pharmacy partners. The initial Federal retail pharmacy partner in New Mexico is Walgreens.

Biweekly White House updates

Please join NACO and White House officials for a biweekly national member call beginning this Thursday, Feb. 18, and hear the latest updates on COVID-19 relief and vaccine distribution. Register for the Noon MST call.

Link to NMC Meetings

Joint Legislative Committee meetings, Redistricting Committee meetings, etc. Updated daily.

EWI: USDA temporarily suspends debt collections, foreclosures and other actions on Farm Loans for distressed borrowers

Due to the national public health emergency caused by COVID–19, the USDA announced the temporary suspension of past due debt collections and foreclosures for distressed borrowers under the Farm Storage Facility Loan and the Direct Farm Loan programs administered by the Farm Service Agency.

TRUECONNECT SMALL LOAN PROGRAM BENEFITS COUNTIES

Thirty-three New Mexico counties are taking advantage of the TrueConnect voluntary small loan program for mortgage down payments or other financial help instead of using payday loans. Contact Susan Ayres, (505) 854-3838, for your county.

Average loan size $1,500; average employee salary $14,000; usage over 4,000 NM county employees

Top 5 counties' usage: Doña Ana 100%, Torrance 65%, San Miguel 47%, Eddy 24%, Valencia 14%