



## NM Counties welcomes new ML Claims Examiner!

Andre Mendoza, born and raised in New Mexico, brings over 10 years of experience with a top five auto insurance company handling auto claims, working closely with a special investigative unit, and spending the majority of his time assisting with comprehensive investigations on potential fraudulent claims. His past career has given him the opportunity to travel the Southwest keeping him close to home.

In his spare time, he enjoys sports and is a huge fan of the Chicago Cubs and the Manchester City soccer team. (Watch out Steve Kopelman—Arsenal fans beware!) He stays in shape by getting outdoors on runs and hiking the beautiful landscape of New Mexico. Please welcome him to the NMC Multi-Line team. (Randy Chavez—you have some competition for the Yankees!)

Nine days left in the legislative session! Please visit the NMLR website at <https://www.nmlr.com> for bill updates. 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. Questions? Contact Brian (505) 670-9311, Steve (505) 469-5584, or Grace (505) 690-6319.

### Executive Committee Actions 03.11.21

#### Support:

SB345 Per Diem and Mileage Act Adjustments

#### Oppose:

SB220 Police Body Camera Exceptions  
HB299 Improvement Special Assessment Act (to oppose until 'residential component' removed)

### NM 3rd Congressional District Art Competition

Open to all 7th-12th grade students in NM's third congressional district. Opportunity for creative young artists to show off their artistic talent. Submissions due by **April 30, 2021** to [Francesca.dipalma@mail.house.gov](mailto:Francesca.dipalma@mail.house.gov). For rules and requirements visit [HERE](#).

### One-year Anniversary of Virus Pandemic

Last January 2020 it was simply called the novel coronavirus. Soon doctors identified it as SARS CoV-2. The first U.S. case in Washington state happened on January 21. On January 30, 2020, the WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global health emergency. On March 11, 2020, the WHO declared COVID-19 a global pandemic, its first such designation since declaring H1N1 influenza a pandemic in 2009. A launch of restrictions started in the U.S. Stayed home. Worked from home. Meetings on Zoom. Online/hybrid school. Shutdown businesses. Suspended travel. Wore masks. Social distanced 6 ft. Lost lives. Today, vaccinations are rising; herd immunity is moving. This pandemic is a huge learning curve for all of us. In this together...

### NACo Launches New Resource Clearinghouse

The American Rescue Plan Act, which NACo helped to develop and strongly advocated to pass, includes \$65.1 billion in direct, flexible aid for every county, parish and borough in America. Additionally, the bill includes increased support for federal public lands and forest counties, as well as other crucial investments in our local communities. To assist counties with response and recovery, the [NACo COVID-19 Recovery Clearinghouse](#) was launched featuring critical resources for counties, allocation estimations, examples of county programs using federal relief funds, and more.

Thu Mar 18 [National Call with NACo & WH Officials](#) Noon MDT



NM EDGE is presenting...  
**Spring/March Honing Your NM EDGE**  
From the comfort of your own home or office  
Offered Live Online due to the Public Health Emergency (PHE)  
It is for Training Tuesdays and Thursdays  
March 9 - March 30, 2021

Assessors, Commissioners, Clerks, and Treasurers: Click now for class schedule: [SpringRoadmap](#)

Check out more news and photos at [www.facebook.com/pg/nmcounties33/posts](https://www.facebook.com/pg/nmcounties33/posts)  
County employment opportunities [here](#)  
New Employee? Add Directory updates [here](#)  
Did someone forward you this email? [Sign up](#)

### Link to NMC Meetings [Annual Calendar](#) Link to NMC Loss Prevention Trainings [RSVP](#)

Tue Mar 16	Online Verbal De-escalation Instructor Class 2, Day 1 of 5 Contact <a href="mailto:grees@nmcounties.org">grees@nmcounties.org</a>
Wed Mar 17-18	Online Road Ready Instructor Development
Sat Mar 20	Legislative Session ends Noon
Tue Mar 23	Online Verbal De-escalation Instructor Class 2, Day 2 of 5 Contact <a href="mailto:grees@nmcounties.org">grees@nmcounties.org</a>
March TBD	NM EDGE Classes TBD
Wed Mar 24-25	NMCIA Pool Board meeting 8:30AM-12:30PM each day
Tue Mar 30	Online Verbal De-escalation Instructor Class 2, Day 3 of 5 Contact <a href="mailto:grees@nmcounties.org">grees@nmcounties.org</a>
Thu Apr 1	Executive Committee Budget meeting 9AM
Tue Apr 6	Online Verbal De-escalation Instructor Class 2, Day 4 of 5 Contact <a href="mailto:grees@nmcounties.org">grees@nmcounties.org</a>
Tue Apr 13	Online Verbal De-escalation Instructor Class 2, Day 5 of 5 Contact <a href="mailto:grees@nmcounties.org">grees@nmcounties.org</a>
Wed Apr 14	Advisory Council meeting 11 AM TBD
Wed Apr 14-15	Online LP Road Ready Instructor Development
Wed Apr 21,22	Legislative meeting 10AM Bernalillo County 4/21 & Doña Ana County 4/22
Tue Apr 27	Online LP Effective Employee Discipline, 10AM-Noon
Wed Apr 28,29	Legislative meeting 10AM San Miguel County 4/28 & Chaves County 4/29 TBD
Wed Apr 28-29	Online First Aid/CPR Instructor Development
Fri May 7	NMC Board of Directors meeting, 8:30AM
Wed May 12-13	NMCIA Pool Board meeting 8:30AM-12:30PM each day



### Senator Heinrich's office offers grants assistance request form

Need help with information on federal grants, loans, nonfinancial assistance for your projects, or a letter of support? Check out this resource: <https://www.heinrich.senate.gov/helping-you/grants>

### EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT PROGRAM

FCC is appropriated \$3.2 billion to provide subsidies through Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to low-income families for internet service. Eligible households may receive a discount of up to \$50, or \$75 on Tribal lands, off internet services and a subsidy for low-cost devices such as laptops. Households that qualify include those with children that qualify for free/reduced lunch, Pell grant recipients, recently unemployed or furloughed workers, an individual who qualifies for the FCC's [Lifeline Program](#), or who qualifies for a low-income COVID-19 internet discount program. More information [HERE](#).

### Counties need to address critical Microsoft Exchange server vulnerabilities

Government agencies & businesses in the U. S. that use an on-premises Microsoft email service have been compromised in an aggressive hacking Campaign, according to Microsoft.