

New Mexico Counties Affiliate Legislative Initiative Process

April/May

NMC Advisory Council Meeting

- Staff review the NMC legislative process and share the legislative initiative template with the Advisory Council.

June

NMC Annual Conference

- Affiliates discuss and select legislative initiatives.
- Affiliates may want to visit with other affiliates for joint initiatives.
- Affiliates fill out the legislative initiative template and submit to a NMC legislative team representative on Thursday afternoon.
- Non-elected affiliates present their legislative initiatives to the Managers' Affiliate for endorsement on Friday morning, from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. on June 16th.

July

NMC Legislative Committee Meeting

- Affiliate chairs present their legislative initiatives to the Legislative Committee.
- Legislative Committee reviews legislative initiatives and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors.

August

NMC Board of Directors Meeting

- NMC Board of Directors votes to endorse or deny affiliate initiatives.
- NMC Board of Directors selects NMC priorities.
- Endorsed initiatives are advanced by the affiliate; priority initiatives are advanced by NMC staff in coordination with the affiliate.

July – December

NM Legislative Interim Committee Meetings

- NMC legislative team presents county priorities to interim NM Legislative Committees, NMML, and other stakeholders.

November/December

NM Legislative Council Service

- Endorsed initiatives: affiliates identify legislative sponsor(s) and drafts bills with help from Legislative Council Service.
- Priority initiatives: NMC legislative team identifies legislative sponsor(s) and drafts bills with help from Legislative Council Service.

January

Bill Introduction & Committee Assignments

- Endorsed initiatives: affiliates pursue bill passage and present to NM legislative committees.
- Priority initiatives: NMC legislative team pursues bill passage and presents to NM legislative committees.