

It is with regret that Mountain Home Health Care, Inc. announces the closure of our Personal Care Options Program. As a result of this action approximately 40 caregiving positions will be eliminated. The closure is due to insufficient Medicaid reimbursement rates and failed negotiations to increase rates. This coupled with continual cuts to state funding for Medicaid programs and more money funneled out of elder care programs were the driving factors.

Mountain Home Health Care will continue to operate its Home Health, Hospice, Private Duty, VA, and EPSDT Programs in Taos County. Our goal of *Striving to Enhance the Health and Quality of Life for Our Community*” remains unchanged.

We are grateful for the countless contributions our employees made to strengthen the Agency’s excellent reputation. We are aware of the impact the closure will have on our employees and clients, and every effort is being made to make the transition to other agencies as seamless as possible. Mountain Home Health Care has negotiated job placement for personal care employees who will be affected and has built community relationships with local caregiving agencies to ensure that each employee and client is transitioned properly.

We are extremely proud of the service that our agency has provided to the citizens of Taos County over the years and we hope to continue to provide excellent care to our community through our home health, hospice, VA, Private Duty, and EPSDT services. The home health aide services as part of these continuing programs will not be affected in this decision. All other programs will continue to operate as they are now.