

## **Statement of Commitment**

Through the University of New Mexico (UNM) Combined BA/MD Program, UNM seeks to help alleviate the physician shortage in New Mexico's rural and medically underserved communities. The Combined BA/MD Program expects to train students who will become physicians committed to practicing medicine in New Mexico's communities with the greatest need.

The UNM Combined BA/MD Program provides participating students with a broad intellectual and academic foundation. This will facilitate their transition to the UNM School of Medicine and will ultimately foster well-rounded physicians with an informed understanding of the social, cultural and demographic forces affecting the delivery of health care and medicine in New Mexico.

The purpose of this *Statement of Commitment* is for students to reflect on the Program goals and to indicate their understanding and acceptance of those goals. By signing below, you are affirming that:

- (1) If you want to attend medical school, you agree to attend the UNM School of Medicine upon successfully completing the undergraduate academic and eligibility requirements of the Program, and you understand that you may be penalized if you apply to other medical schools<sup>1</sup>; and
- (2) You are committed to serving the healthcare needs of New Mexico's rural and/or medically underserved communities upon completion of your M.D. degree at the UNM School of Medicine and residency training.

By my signature below, I hereby indicate my understanding and acceptance of this *Statement of Commitment*.

| Student Name (Printed)                   |                                  |  |
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| Signature:                               | Date:                            |  |
| Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian if st | tudent is under 18 years of age: |  |
| Signature:                               | Date:                            |  |
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See attached *Explanation of UNM Medical School Application Process* for more information about your agreement to attend the UNM School of Medicine and the potential penalties you face if you breach this agreement.