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NEWS RELEASE

## Public Health Medicaid Waiver Program and other agencies to host health fair

**EI PASO, Texas** – The City of El Paso Department of Public Health Medicaid Waiver Program and the El Paso Fire Department along with other agencies, invite the public to a health fair from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 26 at Fire Station 17 located at 8803 Alameda.

“The Medicaid Waiver Program provides various services whether it’s at local libraries and community centers but our goal has always been to utilize local fire stations because they are so identifiable to residents,” said Health Research Assistant Yvonne Marquez. “This time, not only are we using a fire station, but bringing in other agencies to provide a one-stop-shop for the public.”

The Department of Public Health has collaborated with the El Paso Fire Department for several years. Together they bring health services to thousands of El Paso residents. Many of the events have taken place at fire stations, the Safety and Health Outreach Center (SHOC) in central El Paso, community events and expositions, as organizers commit themselves to providing outreach wherever the need exists.

Firefighters will provide glucose checks and blood pressure screening. Those who qualify may receive immunization, cervical cancer screening, and colon cancer screening and mammography services vouchers. Participants must be Medicaid recipients or be uninsured. The Mujer Saludable group will offer free HIV and Hepatitis C screenings. The Rawlings Pediatric Dental Clinic will also enroll children for free dental services.

During the past three years, the El Paso Fire Department’s arm of the Medicaid Waiver Project has provided services to more than 3,200 area residents. Outreach events at fire stations and the SHOC have made it possible for El Pasoans to receive a path to wellness and important vaccinations that they might otherwise not be able to access.

The mission of the City of El Paso Department of Public Health is to Provide Public Health related research, evaluation, education, prevention, intervention, and preparedness services. For more information on the programs and services we provide, please dial 2-1-1 or visit [www.EPHealth.com](http://www.EPHealth.com) or [www.EPSalud.com](http://www.EPSalud.com).

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