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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 1, 2025

TO: Authorized users of UNM Vehicles and Rental Cars Used for Official UNM Business

FROM: Joseph Malouff, Director, UNM Department of Risk Services

RE: Fleet Auto Insurance Coverage

Chapter 66-5-207, NMSA 1978, paragraph A states: a motor vehicle owned by the United States Government, any <u>state or political subdivision of a state</u>, is exempt from the Mandatory Financial Responsibility Act.

The General Services Department, Risk Management Division (RMD), State of New Mexico, has indicated that this statute applies to all State Universities.

If an authorized driver of a University of New Mexico (UNM) vehicle or rental car that is used for official business needs to provide proof of insurance, please refer them to this memorandum. If they have any specific questions about our insurance coverage, they can contact Risk Services, Monday through Thursday 8 AM to 4:30 PM, at 505-277-0750 or outside of these hours at: 505-273-0936.

The coverage afforded UNM, UNM Hospital, UNM Sandoval Regional Medical Center, Inc., UNM Medical Group, Inc., and their respective employees comes through the State of New Mexico, General Services Department, Risk Management Division, under and pursuant to the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, NMSA 1978, Section 41-4-1 et. seq. This coverage is "occurrence based."

Report accidents immediately after they occur to Risk Services. See our webpage at: risk.unm.edu

Additional information about the use of a UNM vehicle or the use of a rental car that is used for official UNM business can be found at the Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual, UAP 7780: Use of University Vehicles.