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## UC Berkeley Partners with Mexico on Health Care for Migrants

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A Mexican immigrant receives a free health checkup inside a mobile clinic on Oct. 7, 2009 in Denver, Colo.

Health officials from the central Mexican state of Zacatecas announced earlier this month that they are working with UC Berkeley to establish health clinics in California to serve low-income migrants, according to a report published by [Frontera Norte-Sur](#), an online news source about the US-Mexico border published by New Mexico State University.

The collaboration was announced at a meeting on Oct. 5 in the city of Guanajuato, Mexico, where health officials, government representatives and academics gathered to commence Binational Health Week, an event that was founded in 2001 to promote information sharing and health service collaborations across North America.

In addition to the United States and Canada, a number of South American nations also sent representatives to Mexico. The Zacatecas-Berkeley partnership is just one of several initiatives that are being developed by the Mexican government to promote health care access for undocumented Mexican nationals working in the United States.