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New Mexico-2026

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4. Seal the vial/container and place it in a sealable plastic bag. Place this bag into another sealable plastic bag.
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