Lung Group Honors Health Official

The American Lung Association of New Mexico awarded state Health and Environment Secretary Larry Gordon its highest honor.

Gordon was given the Clinton P. Anderson Award for "outstanding contributions in the field of prevention and control of lung disease." Gordon accepted the award during a luncheon Saturday at the Amfac Hotel in Albuquerque.

He joined the state Department of Health in 1950 and has served as director of the New Mexico Scientific Laboratory System, the state Environmental Improvement Division and the Albuquerque Environmental Health Department.

The Anderson Award, established in 1983, was named for the late U.S. senator and secretary of Agriculture. Anderson founded the New Mexico Public Health Association, which evolved into the lung association.

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