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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/05/09

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SHORT TITLE Support Health Commons Models SJM 8

ANALYST Earnest

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total	\$20.0	\$20.0		\$40.0	Recurring	HSD operating

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Human Services Department
 Department of Health
 Higher Education Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 8 requests the Human Services Department to support the planning and development of health commons models of service delivery in Hidalgo and Bernalillo County and to collaborate with existing health commons models in those counties to design a financing system to cover and support the Health Commons Model.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HSD estimated a need to devote some staff time of 1 FTE for this project, amounting to \$20 thousand per year. Future costs are unknown.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to HSD, a Health Commons Model is a community-driven seamless system of social, behavioral, and medical services available within a single center, linked with a network of community-based programs. A current Health Commons Model in the south valley of Bernalillo

County addresses the complex medical needs of the community by providing medical, dental and behavioral services in a single location that promotes continuing access to services by including WIC, Public Health, a public health pharmacy, and Medicaid enrollment offices at the same location. Child day care and other services are planned for the location. Essentially it is a “one-stop shopping” medical home for a patient.

In addition to the health commons models cited in this memorial, DOH indicated there is a successful health commons model in Sandoval County and an emerging health commons model in Rio Arriba County. In some counties there are public health and primary care resources currently co-located in the same facility or on the same premises.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

HSD notes that some of the tasks may involve working with DOH who may be in a better position to help provide for a sustainable financial model when Medicaid is restricted by federal limitations. DOH may also be more appropriate for the supporting the actual development of a clinic as Medicaid funds are limited to paying for the services provided by such a clinic. Also, the clinic at a Health Commons Model site is often, if not always, going to be a public health clinic, therefore making DOH involvement essential. Medicaid waivers are limited to specific services as allowed by the code of federal regulations. However, the federal regulations already allow for covering the multiple-disciplinary services through a Federally Qualified Health Center, which is reimbursed at 100% of reasonable costs and covers the broadest range of practitioners and support staff allowed by federal law.

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