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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/04/14

SPONSOR Rodriguez LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Santa Fe Women's Health Services SB 237

ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
	\$200.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 237 appropriates \$200 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Health to provide operating funds for a women's health services program in Santa Fe.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB 237 includes an FY15 general fund recurring appropriation of \$200 thousand. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY15 shall revert to the general fund.

The LFC FY15 budget recommendation for the Rural Primary Health Care Act (RPHCA) program includes \$14.56 million, and the Executive recommendation includes \$14.6 million.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Rural Primary Health Care Act (RPHCA) program funds 99 rural and primary care clinic sites statewide. All RPHCA clinics have experienced financial difficulties due to economic

conditions, and each have reported increased uninsured and underinsured populations needing services.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DOH reports following the New Mexico procurement code, DOH would issue a request for proposal and then evaluate submissions received before awarding the state funding. A similar appropriation in FY14 resulted in a statewide RFP related to primary care services for women.

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