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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**BILL NUMBER:** Senate Bill 81

**SHORT TITLE:** Primary Care Capital Funding Act

**SPONSOR:** Padilla

**LAST ORIGINAL**  
**UPDATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** 1/29/26 **ANALYST:** Carswell

### APPROPRIATION\* (dollars in thousands)

FY26	FY27	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$25,000.0	Nonrecurring	General fund

\*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency or Agencies Providing Analysis

New Mexico Finance Authority

## SUMMARY

### Synopsis of Senate Bill 81

Senate Bill 81 (SB81) appropriates \$25 million from the general fund to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) for expenditure in fiscal year 2027 and future fiscal years for the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) to carry out the purposes of the Primary Care Capital Funding Act.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, which is May 20, 2026.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$25 million contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

The appropriation to DFA is intended NMFA and would be transferred to the primary care capital fund at NMFA.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The appropriation contained in this bill would capitalize the primary care capital fund and allow NMFA to operate the primary care capital program, which was created in the 1990s. The fund has received only two appropriations since then, totaling \$9 million, according to NMFA, and the fund has been swept during times of solvency.

According to NMFA, the appropriation would allow the agency, in partnership with the Department of Health, to provide low-cost loans for working capital and to finance capital projects for eligible nonprofit and public primary care providers. NMFA reports it has received inquiries from qualified providers for 12 projects totaling \$48 million.

The primary care capital fund has financed 20 projects in nine counties since its inception, according to NMFA.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

NMFA does not anticipate needing additional staff to administer the appropriation nor other significant impacts to its operating budget.

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