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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Regensberg DATE TYPED: 1/29/02 HB 158

SHORT TITLE: Dialysis Services SB _____

ANALYST: Esquibel

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
	\$815.0			Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 158 appropriates \$815.0 from the general fund to DOH for the start-up and operational costs necessary to provide a dialysis program in Mora county that will make dialysis services available thorough a nonprofit organization for the northeast part of the state.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$815.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY03 shall revert to the general fund.

DOH indicates the funding required to start up a dialysis center is substantial and far exceeds the appropriation proposed in the bill.

Two dialysis companies currently serve northeastern New Mexico. Fresenius Medical Care (for-profit) has dialysis centers in Las Vegas and Santa Fe. Currently, there are 5 patients from Mora county receiving dialysis services in Las Vegas or Santa Fe. Diabetes Clinics Inc. (non-profit) has a dialysis center in Taos and is planning on opening another in Raton.

A dialysis center requires a facility, equipment, staffing, relationships with local physicians and hospitals, and a patient base to support the expenses. The average cost per patient to receive dialysis at a clinic site is \$50.0-\$60.0 per year. The appropriation contained in the bill could be used to fund dialysis services for one year for 8-10 indigent patients using existing services.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

DOH suggests \$20.0 could be appropriated to conduct a needs assessment in northeastern New Mexico to determine the actual need for dialysis services and related issues in Mora county.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

DOH reports diabetes is the 7th leading cause of death in New Mexico. Approximately 17% of people over age 40 have diabetes. Approximately 337 people with diabetes began renal dialysis within the past year. There are an estimated 279 people diagnosed with diabetes in Mora county, an additional 122 have diabetes but are unaware of it. DOH has no data on the number of patients in Mora county that require dialysis.

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