

- \$42,475 for increased information, assistance and education services for individuals with Alzheimer's disease or related disorder and their families or caregivers;
- \$196,850 for the health insurance and benefits assistance corps (HIBAC);
- \$80,000 for planning and scholarships for the annual New Mexico conference on aging.

Significant Issues

The following services qualify for federal Medicaid funding: home chore/home repair, home modification, homemaker services, transportation, case management, screening/eligibility determination and outreach/education.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$5,116.8 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.

House Bill 2 currently provides \$28,941.4 for the SAOA budget which funds all of the items proposed in this bill. Additionally, HB2 contains \$6.7 million for the disabled and elderly Medicaid waiver in the Human Services Department which provides funding for nursing and community-based services.

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