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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Rodriguez DATE TYPED 2/16/05 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Womens Health Services Counseling Center SB 405

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### APPROPRIATION (in \$000s)

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$500.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 405 appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) to provide services at the Women's Health Services (WHS) family care and counseling center in Santa Fe.

#### Significant Issues

DFA indicated WHS is a non-profit health care provider located in Santa Fe that has provided health care for women in northern New Mexico for 30 years. Primary care is provided by family practice physicians and certified nurse practitioners with a wide spectrum of specialties, including acupuncture, individual prenatal, gynecology, internal medicine, obstetrics, pediatrics and podiatry. According to the Department of Health (DOH), WHS is recognized by the Federal Health Resources Administration as a center of excellence on women's health, one of approximately three in the nation. WHS reports financial difficulties and has indicated that without additional financial support it may need to limit services to Medicaid, Medicare and medically indigent patients. The WHS is not a certified federally qualified health center (FQHC).

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$500,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

DFA's Local Government Division's Community Development Block Grant Bureau would provide oversight at the state level to ensure that the appropriation is properly utilized. The appropriation will be administered by the City of Santa Fe's Community Services Department which will provide fiscal oversight.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

According to DFA, the Woman's Health Services Family Care and Counseling Center provided care to approximately 5,000 indigent patients in calendar year 2004, resulting in approximately 18,000 total visits. The Center's patients include men, women and children. The Center received a \$250,000 appropriation from DFA during the 2004 legislative session and \$300,000 in state general funds from the Department of Health (DOH) under the Rural Primary Health Care Act Program for the provision of primary care services.

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