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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/25/10
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SPONSOR Picraux

SHORT TITLE Medical Assistance Home Program Osteopathy **SB** _____

ANALYST Earnest

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	None		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Health Policy Commission (HPC)

Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HCPAC Amendment

The House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee adds pharmacist clinician to the definition of primary care provider under the Medicaid medical home program.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 26 amends Section 27-2-12.15 of the Public Assistance Act to include in the definition of “primary care provider” an osteopathic physician and an osteopathic physician’s assistant. The bill would allow an osteopathic physician to manage care in the Medicaid medical home program. The bill carries Executive Message #2 and was introduced on behalf of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

A medical home, as defined by the same section of law, is “an integrated care management model that emphasizes primary medical care that is continuous, comprehensive, coordinated, accessible, compassionate and culturally appropriate.”

The section of statute was created by House Bill 710 of the first session of the forty-ninth legislature. The law requires the Human Services Department (HSD) to promote and, if practicable, implement a medical home program.

The Human Services Department amended the contracts with its four managed care organizations (MCOs) to require the establishment of medical home pilot programs around the state. Under current contract terms, about \$1 million of the state’s \$1.1 billion in capitated payments to MCOs will be set aside for these projects.

According to HSD, the bill “appears to be a technical fix to the same bill passed last year that inadvertently omitted Osteopaths from included providers. While the department believed that the language could be interpreted to include Osteopaths, this bill makes that clear.”

According to the Health Policy Commission’s *2008 Geographic Access Data System: Selected Healthcare Professionals in New Mexico* report, there were 249 osteopathic physicians specializing in primary care in New Mexico in 2008.

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