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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE
LAST UPDATED 01/25/12 **HB** _____

SPONSOR Rodriguez

SHORT TITLE Women’s Health Services Program **SB** 163

ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
	\$500.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 163 appropriates \$500 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Health (DOH) for a women’s health services program in Santa Fe.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY13 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Department of Health writes: “Following the New Mexico Procurement code, DOH would issue a request for proposal and then evaluate submissions received before awarding the state funding.”

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The Department of Health indicates the Rural Primary Health Care Act (RPHCA) Program funds 96 rural and primary care clinic sites statewide. All RPHCA clinics have experienced financial difficulties due to economic conditions, and each has reported increased uninsured and underinsured populations needing services. Primary care contracts only cover allowable costs for primary care under RPHCA legislation. Legislation similar to SB163 was passed in 2011 and in order to use the funds specifically in Santa Fe, the DOH administered an RFP to assure equitable access to such funding.

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