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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-1-06

SPONSOR Garcia, MH LAST UPDATED _____ HB 431

SHORT TITLE DONA ANA MEDICAL RECORD-KEEPING SOFTWARE SB _____

ANALYST Hadwiger

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$206.1	Non-Rec	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 431 appropriates \$206.1 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in FY07 for electronic medical record-keeping computer software for Dona Ana County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$206.1 thousand contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 would revert to the general fund.

DFA noted that the funds requested are not sufficient to cover all costs in phase one of the project.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA pointed out that the Dona Ana County Health and Human Services Department (DAHHS), stated the department offers a continuum of care through coordination, resource development

and provision of services in order to improve the quality of life in Dona Ana County. The creation of DAHHS in 2001 marked an extraordinary step toward developing a strong collaborative in effectively integrating resources and services. Currently, four divisions comprise DAHHS: South Central NM Prevention Coalition, Health Care Division, Maternal and Child Health Division, DWI Division and Community Outreach Division. The County currently administers four health related programs involved in broad community health improvements. DFA noted that a collaborative electronic medical record keeping computer software would be the first phase in linking providers into a single system. The system would help implement and sustain an electronic health care management information system to: 1) implement an integrated community health care delivery system to coordinate health care access and services for uninsured and underinsured county residents, 2) develop coordinated systems of care for uninsured and underinsured residents with chronic care conditions, and 3) enhance access to and standardize entitlement and insurance programs eligibility processes throughout the county health care system.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

LGD/DFA and Dona Ana County will enter into a grant agreement for services associated with electronic medical record keeping computer software.

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