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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/8/06

SPONSOR Snyder LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Camino Nuevo Client Trauma Treatment SB 404

ANALYST Earp

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$300.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB 92

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

Corrections Department (CD)

Children, Youth & Families Department (CYFD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 404 appropriates \$300,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for the Family and Community Medicine Program to provide trauma treatment for Camino Nuevo clients during and after incarceration. Camino Nuevo is a women's correctional facility for parole violators located in Albuquerque.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

This request was not included on the list of priority projects submitted by UNM to the HED for review. Consequently, this request was not included in the Department's fiscal year 2007 funding recommendations.

The Corrections Department notes that the department is responsible for providing medical/psychiatric treatment (through its medical services vendor) for all Camino Nuevo residents while they are incarcerated, and that includes on-site care (provided in the prison itself) and off-site care (if for example the prisoner needs to be temporarily taken to a hospital or clinic for treatment). Once a woman is discharged from the Camino Nuevo prison, and/or is placed on probation or parole in the community, then the department does not have the obligation, funds or other resources to provide medical/psychiatric treatment to that woman. The department would welcome any and all treatment that the University of New Mexico could provide to all such women after incarceration because it would obviously be good for the women to get the treatment they need. It would also be good for the department because it would help these women better transition back into the community, and could help reduce recidivism rates for these women. If the University tries to provide treatment to the women while they are still incarcerated, this would duplicate the services provided by the department. This would be an inefficient and problematic use of the appropriated money.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

UNM would be required to administer these funds. Given the legal obligation of the Corrections Department to provide care for incarcerated individuals as noted above, careful coordination of efforts would be required.

## **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

Senate Bill 404 and House Bill 92 (as originally introduced) are duplicate measures.

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The Corrections Department notes that this bill does not specify whether or not it is meant to pay for “on-site” or “off-site” medical services. It also does not define “trauma treatment”.

## **POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

Have there been problems with the delivery of medical services to the inmates at Camino Nuevo via the existing Corrections Department contract with Wexford?

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