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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/30/08

SPONSOR Carraro LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Self-Directed Family Support Program SB 454

ANALYST Geisler

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$750.0	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 454 would appropriate \$750,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Health (DOH) in fiscal year 2009 (FY09) to increase the number of persons and families participating in the self-directed family support program, which assists families to meet the needs of their children with disabilities and assists persons with disabilities to live successfully at home. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the General Fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation in SB 454 is not a part of DOH's executive budget request for FY09. The current budget for the Self Directed Family Support Program is just over \$630,000. SB 454 would increase the State General Fund available for this program to approximately \$1,380,000. With this additional funding in FY09 the program could serve approximately 370 individuals and their families.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB 454 would expand the Self Directed Family Support Program to serve approximately 200 additional individuals currently on the Developmental Disabilities Central Registry. Funding for

this program is offered for services to individuals who are in the Central Registry based upon date of registration (first come first served). Individuals participating in the program have been waiting the longest for developmental disabilities services and generally participate in the program the year before they are allocated to Developmental Disabilities Waiver services. This program not only meets some of the temporary support needs of the individual but also offers them and their families an opportunity to experience self directed services with a small budget. Many of the individuals and families have expressed it was helpful to them in making decisions regarding a choice between traditional Developmental Disabilities Waiver and Mi Via Waiver Services.

Self Directed Family Support Services began as the result of a federal grant from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities in three New Mexico communities in 2001. Since its inception, the program has expanded to include communities throughout the State. This program is funded entirely through State General Funds. This cost effective program allows for individual choice in goods and services purchased through stipends. This program assists families in meeting the temporary needs of children and adults with developmental disabilities. In FY 2007 this program provided funding to 168 individuals with an average cost of \$2430 per individual as reported by the Fiscal Agent.

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