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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Review Public Health Objectives SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Amended Bill

The Health and Government Affairs Committee Amendment to House Joint Memorial 12 adds the Office of Border Health within DOH and New Mexico State University to the list of organizations collaborating with New Mexico MCO's to review public health objectives and make recommendations to the LFC and LHHSC. The provisions in the bill are within the purview of the additional entities.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

House Joint Memorial 12 requests Department of Health (DOH) and the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, School of Nursing and Health Sciences Center (UNM) to collaborative with New Mexico Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to review public health objectives and needs for New Mexico and develop recommendations.

The Joint Memorial provides the following:

- public health is the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through the organized efforts and informed choices of society, organizations, public and private communities and individuals;

- a key objective of public health efforts is the prevention of disease and the promotion of healthy behaviors among individuals in society;
- in order to pursue these objectives, it is necessary to understand the relationships among health status, individual behavior, health services, social factors and public policies;
- in support of improved health for the nation, the federal government has for three decades developed public health goals known as "healthy people" goals;
- healthy people provides science-based, ten-year national objectives and benchmarks for improving the health of all Americans that are monitored to measure progress over time;
- the latest iteration of these goals, healthy people, 2020, is widely available as a template for adoption by state agencies, universities and the private sector;
- pursuit of public health goals and objectives requires collaboration across sectors of the health care system and attention to measurements of results;
- the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act contains funding and provisions in support of states collaborating to pursue public health goals and objectives and to promote awareness of the benefits of healthy behaviors and the importance of prevention;
- New Mexico has not engaged in a systematic, collaborative approach to promote public health goals and objectives;
- in this era of limited resources and constrained budgets, the ability of the department of health and the university of New Mexico to adequately fund public health efforts has been severely limited;
- limiting funding for public health initiatives may save money in the short run, but will have long-term, negative impacts as the health of the population of New Mexico suffers;
- creativity, innovation and commitment to improving the health of New Mexico residents over time will be needed by both public and private sector partners; and
- DOH, UNM and New Mexico MCOs each have distinctly different but vital roles to play in the commitment to ensuring a healthy New Mexico for tomorrow.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Joint Memorial states the need to pursue every opportunity to obtain funding for public health initiatives through the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

State agencies will be required to fulfill the intent of the memorial within existing resources.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Synopsis of DOH comments:

HJM 12 aligns New Mexico's public health goals/objectives with Healthy People 2020 goals/objectives. Healthy People is used as a tool for strategic management to measure progress for health issues in specific populations. Alignment with Healthy People goals and objectives can be advantageous in comparing state and national strategies, identifying and adapting best practices, as well as responding to opportunities for federal funding.

New Mexico has a State Comprehensive Strategic Health Plan (SCSHP) mandated by statute and passed in 2004. The statute mandates that it be reviewed every two (2) years and rewritten every four (4) years.

DOH and the Health Policy Commission developed a Comprehensive Strategic Health Plan (Plan) in 2008 to provide a framework to help State-level planners and local communities with public health planning. The Plan was developed through a collaborative effort of state agencies, communities, tribal members, and health care professionals.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Findings and recommendations that arise from this collaboration will be reported to the Interim Legislative Health and Human Services Committee (LHHSC) and the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) by October 1, 2011.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Current agency staff will be required to absorb the work.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

DOH notes that it uses the annual DOH Strategic Plan as a tool for measuring health status improvements, reviewing public health objectives and developing recommendations for both.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

The review of public health objectives may not occur as a result of collaboration between DOH, UNM and MCOs.

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