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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/23/11

SPONSOR Rodriguez LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Women's Health Services Program Appropriation SB 486

ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12		
	\$400.0	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 486 appropriates \$400.0 from the general fund to a women's health services program in Santa Fe.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB486 appropriates \$400.0 from the general fund in FY12. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY12 shall revert to the general fund.

The House Appropriations and Finance Committee substitute for House Bills 2, 3, 4, and 6 contains \$10,417.1 in general fund revenue, \$2,730.5 in county-supported Medicaid funds, and \$371.4 in federal funds for support for rural and primary health care clinics statewide including small rural hospitals; women's health services; and training for primary care residents.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Department of Health (DOH) Rural Primary Health Care Act (RPHCA) Program funds over 90 rural and primary care clinic sites statewide. All RPHCA clinics are experiencing financial

difficulties due to economic conditions, and each has reported increased uninsured and underinsured populations needing services. The Santa Fe program received two contracts totaling \$337,050 in FY11 from the DOH/RPHCA. One of the contracts is for primary care which only covers allowable costs for primary care under that legislation. SB486 does not specify any specific services for women that would be supported by the new appropriation.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

If SB486 is passed, DOH/RPHCA would need to follow the New Mexico Procurement Code and prepare a request for proposals and then evaluate submissions received.

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