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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE
LAST UPDATED 01/30/12 **HB** 18

SPONSOR Stewart

SHORT TITLE Transfer Health Info Data Management **SB** _____

ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Department of Health

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 18 amends the Health Information System Act (Section 24-14A NMSA 1978) to transfer data management and other activities from the New Mexico Health Policy Commission to the New Mexico Department of Health (DOH). All related property, records and contracts are transferred.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 18 contains no appropriation. It is assumed the bill's provisions can be implemented using existing resources.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HB 18 was introduced on behalf of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee. New Mexico has a variety of key public health datasets that may be used to assess the health status of the population. The Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data (HIDD) authorized under the Health Information System Act is charged with:

1. Assessing morbidity and mortality in New Mexicans;
2. Evaluating health care access and effectiveness (i.e. such as the hospitalization of New Mexicans for diagnoses that should be treatable in ambulatory care settings);

and

3. Developing evidence-based interventions in healthcare delivery and/or treatment to improve the health of New Mexicans.

The DOH indicates it has recently begun receiving inpatient discharge data from federal Indian Health Service facilities across the state, which together with the HIDD data, will provide a more accurate portrayal of morbidity and mortality in New Mexico, especially for New Mexico's American Indian populations.

The DOH writes that it “is the logical location for the data management and other duties related to the Health Information System Act for many reasons, including:

- The DOH's Mission to “Provide leadership to guide public health and to protect the health of all New Mexicans;” and
- The DOH's current management of significant sensitive health datasets, such as birth and death certificate data, hospital emergency department data, infectious disease data, as well as others; and
- The DOH's current central role in public health data collection, data assessment and evidence-based intervention in New Mexico.”

Transfer of data under the Health Information System Act will be similar to data transfer for other programs in the DOH requiring compliance with federal, state and local statutes, rules and regulations.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Currently, the Department of Health employs one full time equivalent (FTE) which is funded through a combination of state and federal resources.

The DOH indicates the provisions of the bill could require the DOH to provide services that could potentially require additional resources including:

- Obtaining information on participation in clinical research trials;
- Identification of individual and population health risk profiles to assist in the delivery of healthcare; and
- Collection of health data sufficient for consumers to make informed decisions regarding quality, cost and outcomes of care.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 18 relates to House Bill 19 which would transfer healthcare professional workforce data (i.e., GADS database) management and other activities from the New Mexico Health Policy Commission to the University of New Mexico.

House Bill 18 relates to SB113 which would transfer healthcare professional workforce data (i.e., GADS database) to UNM but allow DOH access to the data.

House Bill 18 relates to SB119 which would transfer data management of the Hospital Inpatient and Discharge Data (i.e., HIDD database) and other activities from the Health Policy Commission to the DOH, except that SB119 is contingent on passage of SB113 which allows

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UNM the management of the healthcare professional workforce data (i.e., GADS database).

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The DOH suggests the following wording change: 24-14A-2. DEFINITIONS:

On page 2 line 6 delete the words “a person” and replace with the words “an entity.”

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