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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/12/19

SPONSOR Rodriguez LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Pregnant and Postpartum Services SB 432

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		
	\$120.0	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

#### Responses Not Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 432 (SB 432) appropriates \$120 thousand from the general fund to the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) for services for at-risk pregnant and post-partum women.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$120 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY20 shall revert to the general fund.

This appropriation contained in this bill is not included in the LFC or executive recommendations.

## SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CYFD is concerned the service population this appropriation is intended for is unclear. The appropriation could serve families involved with the Protective Services Program, enrolled in early childhood services, or families interacting with CYFD in other service areas. It is unclear if this bill is targeted to a specific population or service model.

CYFD Behavioral Health Services currently collaborates with the Public Education Department to fund the New Mexico Mission to “Support Young Parents for Success” project through a single agency in Albuquerque providing Youth Support Service Life Skills Coaching and transportation supports to expectant and parenting teens in the schools. The current expenditure is budgeted at \$70.0, and it is expected that approximately 20-30 persons/families will be served.

CYFD Home Visiting program provides education and resources to at-risk pregnant families and families with young children. The current funding level for home visiting for FY19 is \$20,700.0.

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) recommends the following to support at-risk pregnancy and postpartum women:

### Prenatal Care

- Ensure that pregnant women have access to mental health care; smoking cessation services; and culturally competent, early, quality prenatal health care.
- Consider providing information about detection of special needs in babies and children and encourage early screening and interventions for such indicators.
- Provide information about folic acid in programs such as the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program or family planning programs and provide increased education about the importance of folic acid, vitamins and enriched foods.
- Explore efforts to offer education and awareness about fetal alcohol syndrome and exposure to drugs during pregnancy and its effects on babies.

### Postpartum Depression

- Consider support for efforts designed to screen and follow up on postpartum mental health concerns.
- Work with insurers to develop health benefits packages for women that offer comprehensive coverage for both physical and mental illnesses.
- Encourage hospitals and clinics to provide written information on the signs, symptoms and treatment of postpartum depression to new parents and other family members.

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