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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Patient Protection Act Review SM 78
ANALYST Liu

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		Indeterminate				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Responses Received From

Office of Superintendent of Insurance (OSI)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Memorial

Senate Memorial 78 requests OSI to convene a group of healthcare stakeholders to conduct a health care quality and cost study. The study will review current law and identify legislation that could address potential gaps in patient protection. The memorial further requests OSI to report results of the study to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee (LHHS) by October 1, 2019.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The memorial does not contain an appropriation, but requests OSI to convene a diverse group of stakeholders to conduct a health care quality and cost study. The stakeholders must have expertise in the area of health care delivery, health coverage, and health care advocacy; however the memorial does not specify the number of stakeholders or meetings required for the study. As such, the costs for this study are indeterminate.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The memorial notes New Mexico passed the Patient Protection Act in 1998, which provides a broad range of rights for health care patients. Changes in health care delivery and structures have

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created new issues relating to patient protection, which the memorial indicates is the impetus for the study.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

OSI would need to convene a group of healthcare stakeholders to conduct a health care quality and cost study for LHHS by October 1, 2019.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

On page 2, lines 10-11, the memorial refers to a “health care quality and case study” but later refers to a “health care quality and cost study” on lines 18-19.

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