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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Marquardt DATE TYPED: 02/04/01 HB 245
 SHORT TITLE: Rural Primary Health Care Appropriation SB _____
 ANALYST: Esquibel

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	\$ 5,500.0			Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB176
 Relates to HB2, SB98

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

NM Health Policy Commission
 Department of Health did not respond

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 245 appropriates \$5,500.0 from the general fund to provide services under the Rural Primary Health Care Act for the following: 1) \$1,500.0 for dental services; 2) \$3,000.0 for medical services; and 3) \$1,000.0 for prescription drugs.

Significant Issues

There is the potential this appropriation could leverage approximately \$15 million in federal matching funds through the Medicaid program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$5,500.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY02 shall revert to the general fund.

CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

HB245 duplicates SB176, Rural Primary Health Care Act.

HB2 and SB98, General Appropriation Acts of 2001, contain approximately \$10 million for services under the Rural Primary Health Care Act.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

In 1999, a task force of dental professionals coordinated by the Health Policy Commission concluded more dental services are needed at rural primary care clinics.

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