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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/23/08

SPONSOR Martinez R. LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Setting Health Care Provider Rates for Inmates SB 272

ANALYST Cox

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	see fiscal implications	Recurring	County Funds & General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 272 relates to New Mexico Counties' health care providers and the setting of health care provider rates for care delivered to persons in County jail custody. This Senate Bill defines two types of County jail health care providers.

Section 1 of this Senate Bill defines 'health care provider and reimbursements' as follows':

1. a person who provides health care, including mental health care, to a person in the custody of a county jail shall charge the county for health care as follows:

A. a 'Medicaid' provider, as defined in Subsection D of Section 27-11-2 NMSA 1978, shall charge at the same rate that the provider charges the human services department for 'Medicaid' recipients, as defined in Subsection F of Section 27-11-2 NMSA 1978; and

B. a provider who is not a 'Medicaid' provider but who accepts reimbursement from the state for all or part of a patient's care shall charge the county at the highest rate that the state reimburses the provider for the same care pursuant to another program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This Senate Bill requests no funding. There is a companion Senate Bill 385 that contemplates that both County Funds and the General Fund will save money. County jails will pay the lowest rate for medical service. This rate will be equal to the same rate charged to other payers. Savings that many accrue to county budgets are unknown.

COMPANIONSHIP RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 272 defines health care providers as either Medicaid or non-Medicaid types. Senate Bill 385 then promotes the setting of the lowest dollar rate of service for these two types of providers.

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