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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE
LAST UPDATED 1/24/08 **HB** _____

SPONSOR Martinez, R.

SHORT TITLE County Jail Health Care Reimbursement Rates **SB** 385

ANALYST Cox

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	See fiscal implications	Recurring	General Fund and County Funds

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
 New Mexico Statutes Annotated

Responses received
 Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 385 relates to setting health care provider reimbursement rates for health care delivered to persons in county jail custody.

Senate Bill 385 contemplates paying both Medicaid and non-Medicaid providers the lowest dollar rate for County jail services. This lowest dollar rate charged would be equal to the same rate for care provided to any other payer.

This Senate Bill also requests that such providers publish their rates.

Counties may also enter into agreements to set different rate with providers.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No funding is requested with this Senate Bill. However, the Bill's effect is to promote and insure that medical providers charge the lowest rates for County jail services. Savings to county funds are unknown.

COMPANION 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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