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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/19/07

SPONSOR Chavez LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 1001

SHORT TITLE Dental Care To Indigent Persons SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Geisler

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$200.0	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: HB 102, HB 242, HB 881, SB 35, SB 173, SB 582, SB 805

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1001 would appropriate \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Health (DOH) in FY08 to contract with a nonprofit organization to provide dental care for indigent persons in various communities in New Mexico. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of the FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DOH notes that the increase of funding for contract dental services for the indigent in HB 1001 is not part of the DOH executive budget request. The DOH FY08 budget request includes a base general fund amount of more than \$1 million for contractual services associated with dental care. The Legislative Finance Committee budget recommendation includes \$250,000 in expansion funding for children's oral health.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH notes that while oral disease may be the most preventable health condition affecting the U.S. population, the oral health of minorities and the underserved remains poor. Sufficient tools

and technology exist to prevent and control oral disease, but the outcomes have not reflected these advances. The 2000 New Mexico Children's Oral Health Survey reported that 65% of New Mexico children have experienced tooth decay and 37% have untreated tooth decay. The New Mexico Oral Health Surveillance System Report reported that 30% of children in grades 9 – 12 smoked cigarettes, 27% of 3rd grade children did not obtain needed dental care within a given year, and 10% of 3rd grade children have never been to a dentist. The Report has also identified that 43% adults have lost six or more teeth due to tooth decay and gum disease and that 66% adults had their teeth cleaned within the past year, an increase since 1999.

New Mexico has a serious shortage of dental providers throughout areas of the state. Most of the counties, either in specific populations or the entire county, have been designated as dental health professional shortage areas. The intent of HB1001 is to expand existing dental health services to indigent persons who have little access to dental professionals and who are at high risk for dental disease.

### **RELATIONSHIP**

HB 1001 relates to HB 102, HB 242, HB 881, SB 35, SB 173, SB 582 and SB 805 as they are concerned with New Mexico oral health issues including dental practice, oral health education, and access to dental services.

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