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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/01/07

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SHORT TITLE Dona Ana Emergency Medicine Dispensing SB 472

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$60.0	recurring	general fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 472 appropriates \$60 thousand from the general fund to the DOH to pay for emergency medicine dispensing services in Dona Ana County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$60 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

The appropriation requested was not in the Executive Budget Recommendation for FY08.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to representatives of the local behavioral health collaborative, the bill will provide funding for a mental health professional who can prescribe for individuals who have an immediate need for medication to avert a medical and/or psychiatric crisis.

Several things increase the number of mentally ill people in Dona Ana County beyond what

would be expected in a county with its population: proximity to El Paso and the porous Mexican border, the intersections of I-10 & I-25 allowing easy access, and the mild climate which provides a harbor to a large number of transient individuals with mental illness.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

SB 472 requires the DOH to issue and manage an RFP to contract with a local entity for the management of emergency medicine prescribing services. All contracts created through this funding will adhere to the Procurement Code.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

33% or 60,115 of Dona Ana County's population are medically indigent. These figures do not include migrant/seasonal farm workers and their non-working dependents.

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