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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/02/08

SPONSOR Morales LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Border Mental Health Services SB 432

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$1,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 432 appropriates \$1 million from the general fund to The Human Services Department to be equitably distributed to licensed community mental health centers providing comprehensive community support services in rural and border areas.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the general fund.

HSD adds that:

Any behavioral health services provided to Medicaid-eligible individuals would be eligible for federal match if all the following criteria are met:

- The service must be a benefit under the NM Medicaid State Plan

- The provider must be credentialed as a Medicaid provider of that service as part of the ValueOptions New Mexico contracted provider network
- The provider is providing services as licensed.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HSD adds that there are currently twenty-eight licensed community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) in New Mexico. Given that the “rural and border areas” of New Mexico encompass almost the entire state, any distribution would include most NM community mental health centers, and any “equitable” distribution would be minimal.

The Department of Corrections contributes that by providing access to mental health treatment programs, it could give individuals on probation or parole another coping mechanism to use to avoid committing new crimes and committing violations of their conditions of probation/ parole. This could also cause a decrease in the Department’s probation/parole caseloads.

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