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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Gallup Indian Medical Center Replacement      SM 14/aSIAC

ANALYST Burns

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

Synopsis of SIAC Amendment

The Senate Indian and Cultural Affairs Committee Amendment for Senate Memorial 14 changes on page 2, line 16, after “in” insert “the 2009 stimulus package and in”.

The amendment requests the United States Congress to appropriate \$16 million in the 2009 stimulus package adding to the request to have the funds included in the Indian Health Service budget. The amendment is somewhat problematic as the 2009 stimulus package has already been released.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Memorial 14 requests federal financial assistance for the replacement of the Gallup Indian medical center.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation contained in SM 14. If the requested federal funding were to come to New Mexico there could be an obligation for the state to supply a match in order to receive the funding.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

SM 14 Gallup Indian Medical Center Replacement would request of the United States Congress to appropriate \$16 million as part of the Indian Health Service budget for the purchase of land and the first phase of the design to replace the existing Gallup Indian Medical Center.

SM14 states that the existing Gallup Indian Medical Center is old and inadequate and requires replacement because renovation and expansion are not acceptable alternatives. The new proposed facility, when completed, would be a modern technologically advanced facility with enough space and staff to provide an expanded level of health care services specifically designed to meet the health care needs of the Native American population within the Gallup Service Unit. The workload in the GIMC area is one of the largest in the Indian Health Service with 250,000 outpatient encounters and 5,800 inpatient admissions annually.

SM14 cites that the Indian Health Service in partnership with the Navajo Nation conducted a comprehensive strategic planning process to define an integrated regional health care network.

SM14 indicates that the Gallup Indian Medical Center serves as a major referral center for other Indian Health Service facilities in the region, and that it is currently meeting only one-third of the patient needs.

SM14 states that the replacement facility would contribute to economic development in the Gallup region by providing jobs both during and after construction.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

The New Mexico Senate would not go on record as an advocating for federal financial assistance for replacement of the Gallup Indian Medical Center.

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