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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/24/13

SPONSOR Ortiz y Pino LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Health Professional Credentialing Agency SB 64

ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Regulation Commission (PRC)

Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 64 (SB64) would require the superintendent of insurance to issue rules to create a statewide entity that would credential physicians, hospitals and other healthcare practitioners and facilities. The bill also requires that health maintenance organizations (HMOs) use the services of this new credentialing entity when assessing and validating the qualifications of healthcare practitioners and facilities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Bill 64 contains no appropriation.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Department of Health (DOH) indicates credentialing is a process used by organizations to assess and validate the qualifications of healthcare providers. The goal of this bill is to ensure that health maintenance organizations (HMOs) in New Mexico use a single credentialing entity for credentialing services.

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Senate Bill 64 would ensure that health care providers would have to be credentialed through one entity. Currently, HMOs can use a credentialing entity of their choice, which may require providers and administrative staff to complete multiple applications and work with multiple entities. The application process for each credentialing entity requires significant time by the health care provider to complete and compile all supporting documentation. Depending on the number of practice sites, it is estimated that one application would take 2-8 hours to complete.

Entities that perform credentialing can be certified nationally by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and the Joint Commission (JCAHO).

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