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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 204** HLS 21RS 580

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ SEN COMM AMD**

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: disability services		

EXCEPTIONAL PERSONS

EG1 +\$292,964 GF EX See Note

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Provides relative to the delivery of Medicaid-funded services for persons with disabilities

Proposed law provides that the department shall not limit the number of individual and family support service hours that a direct service worker may work in a 24-hour period in certain situations. Proposed law provides that no program that furnishes home and community based services shall prohibit a family member from being direct service worker for the service recipient in order to qualify for payment through certain waiver programs. Each service recipient's hours shall be based on the recipient's current approved plan of care. Any request for additional hours shall require approval of the designated authority and shall include written relevant assessments and documented justification. In instances where the direct service worker lives in the same setting as the service recipient, the department shall require documentation of services rendered and verification of such documentation. Proposed law allows quarterly visits to the service recipient's home, upon request of the recipient, to be conducted remotely through any means approved by the department. Proposed law provides that certain services provided by LDH in an in-home setting through any Medicaid waiver of LDH may be delivered by synchronous interaction. The department shall require a face to face visit after any 2 consecutive synchronous interactions. The department shall require documentation of services rendered and verification of such documentation for such services.

EXPENDITURES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$292,964	\$380,095	\$380,095	\$380,095	\$383,095	\$1,816,344
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$292,964	\$380,095	\$380,095	\$380,095	\$383,095	\$1,816,344

REVENUES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This measure is anticipated to result in additional expenditures for LDH for personnel costs associated with increased monitoring requirements imposed by CMS as a result the state allowing legally responsible relatives to be paid caregivers. LDH anticipates 3 additional Program Manager positions (\$123,662 per manager annually) to develop and review payment procedures and claims, and conducting routine in-person visitation to mitigate any potential risks. Note: FY 21/22 reflects only 9 months of salary, and salary costs are annualized in future years. In addition, projected costs reflect associated administrative expenses (equipment and office space) of approximately \$15,000 in FY 21/22, and \$9,000 annually thereafter.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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