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Proposed law provides legislative intent to establish a MLTSS, Medicaid managed long-term care program, for seniors who receive or are at high risk for receiving long-term services in the community or in an institution. Proposed law establishes legislative intent to improve access and provide choices for seniors receiving long-term services.

Proposed law provides that the MLTSS program applies to the elderly and individuals with adult-onset disabilities and dual-eligibles who receive Medicaid and Medicare and are not receiving long-term care. Proposed law does not apply to Medicaid recipients eligible and receiving services due to an intellectual or developmental disability.

Proposed law requires the secretary of LDH to develop and submit an application to CMS to implement the MLTSS program no later than January 1, 2019. Proposed law requires the application to include and expound upon certain enumerated elements set forth by CMS to achieve the greatest opportunity for community placement and engagement.

Proposed law requires LDH to issue a requests for proposal within 60 days of submitting the MLTSS application to CMS. Proposed law requires the requests for proposal to have minimum qualifications, including demonstrated success in another state, provision of all Medicaid covered services, appointment of an ombudsman, establishment of a rate floor, timely provider payments, and continued eligibility determinations by LDH. Proposed law requires the secretary to select at least two, but no more than three contractors to manage the MLTSS program.

Proposed law requires the MLTSS program to be implemented no later than July 1, 2020.

Proposed law provides that sources of funding come from monies dedicated though the Medical Assistance Trust Fund, the Medicaid managed care premium tax, or other monies allowed by law.

Proposed law provides for fiscal and programmatic audits by the legislative auditor at least one year prior to the expiration of any MLTSS contract. Proposed law provides for rulemaking.

Effective August 1, 2018.

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