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Directs the La. Department of Health and Department of Veterans Affairs to implement policies for the health and safety of long-term care facility residents

Directs the La. Department of Health and the Department of Veterans Affairs to implement certain mandates to protect the health and safety of long-term care (LTC) facility residents. These mandates include: (1) follow CDC protocol for COVID-19 testing for employees and residents at LTC facilities (2) maintain a web platform that contains COVID-19 data for LTC facilities, which is searchable down to the facility level (3) provide CDC recommended isolation protocols to LTC facilities (4) issue care coordination protocols to facilities regarding moving residents to an acute care setting (5) disseminate dementia care standards (6) require LTC facilities to address social isolation, ensuring that dementia patients are able to communicate with family (7) establish a process for stakeholders to communicate issues and implement solutions.

Provides that mandates shall be implemented as long as the department accepts state and federal funding to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

EXPENDITURES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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Annual Total						

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

LDH and the Department of Veterans Affairs indicate that they are currently following CDC guidelines for testing employees and residents at its LTC care facilities; therefore, implementation of this measure is not anticipated to generate additional testing costs. Currently, employees at state-operated LTC care facilities are tested weekly. Upon a positive result of an employee, residents are tested. The cost of testing, which is approximately \$100 per test, is being paid for by OPH with \$190M in federal funds from the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act. For informational purposes, the 6 state-operated LTC care facilities house 706 residents and has 948 authorized positions.

LDH indicates that they will issue alerts through its Health Alert Network and update its administrative rules, as needed, to direct LTC facilities to follow CDC guidelines related to care coordination, dementia care standards, and social isolation of residents. Issuing alerts and rulemaking is a standard process in LDH operations, and any associated costs can be absorbed through its existing budget.

Note: Costs associated with testing in private LTC facilities is charged to a variety of payers, including private insurance and OPH with federal funds from the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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