

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



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

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: disability services		

EXCEPTIONAL PERSONS

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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. Proposed law provides that no Medicaid waiver or LT-PCS program of LDH that furnishes home and community based services shall require that a direct service worker live apart from the service recipient in order to qualify for payment. 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 or LT-PCS program 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 services delivered through synchronous interaction.

EXPENDITURES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Aging and Adult Services or Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities. This measure does not change a plan of care for home and community based service recipients, the level of billable hours and services available under the plan of care, or rates or payment methodologies. This measure allows a direct support professional to exceed the 16 hour per day service cap (under current department rules), allows for a direct service worker and recipient to live in the same setting (including legally responsible relatives), and allows for virtual visits upon request of the service recipients (with face to face home visit requirement that after two virtual visits). Information provided by LDH indicates that recipient hours are based on a plan of care, with an approval process. Providers could encounter overtime, however, they will be responsible for payment out of the rates currently paid.

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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