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Dept./Agy.: Health		
Subject: Caregiving Services Registry		Analyst: Anthony Shamis

HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2
Establishes a registry for individuals and entities that provide caregiving services

Proposed law establishes a licensing program for caregiver registries, which secures contracts for caregivers. The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) shall license a caregiver registry. Application fees are to be paid to LDH. LDH shall assess a nonrefundable fee of \$1,200 at the time of initial licensing and every two years thereafter. A delinquent fee of \$100 will be assessed for failure to renew timely. Licenses shall be effective for a period of two years.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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						
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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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						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to increase SGF expenditures in the LDH, Health Standards Section (HSS) by an indeterminable amount to establish, regulate, and monitor a licensing program for caregiver registries, which secure contracts for caregivers. This legislation mandates LDH to license caregiver registries; create a form for an application to operate a caregiver registry; assess initial application licensing fees & renewal fees (every 2 years); assess delinquent fees for caregiver registries failing to timely renew; assess fines for caregiver registries operating without a license; and issue immediate cease and desist orders for operating registries without a license issued by LDH.


HSS anticipates the need for five (5) surveyors (Med. Cert. Specialist 2), and one (1) surveyor for each regional office to manage the anticipated workload increase. Surveyors will determine the type of caregiver services provided by providers, review the healthcare provider’s policy/procedures, and review personnel records to determine if a provider has been convicted of a non-hirable criminal offense, and is in substantial compliance with licensing statutes and rules. Two (2) Medical Certification Program Managers (PM) will be needed in the Non-Long Term Care (NLTC) section. One PM will assist with rulemaking, setting up program dynamics, creating and updating the website as needed, licensing new providers, data entry, triaging complaints, answering provider questions, reviewing survey documents, etc. The second PM will be responsible for complaint intakes, routing complaint surveys, reviewing and approving Plans of Correctness (POC), processing sanction notifications, and monitoring penalty collections from noncompliant providers. One (1) Administrative Assistant (Admin. Prog. Spec. A) will review licensure renewal packets for completeness, issue renewed licenses, data entry, receive complaints for PM, answer questions from providers, send renewal notices, gather documents for public records requests, and process fees for licensure and data requests. One (1) Information System (IS) Program Monitor for HSS Operations will serve as the subject matter expert for the creation, configuration, testing, and trouble shooting of any new software implementations.

Note: LFO is unable to corroborate the estimated staffing level and operational costs projected by LDH. The LFO has requested the estimated number of anticipated caregiver registry licenses/renewals and hours required to review/approve licenses, and monitor, them to ensure program compliance annually.

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to increase SGR revenue in the LDH, HSS. The number of caregiver registries that will be licensed with the state is unknown. LDH is authorized to assess a nonrefundable \$1,200 licensing fee for any legal entity operating or planning to operate a caregiver registry in the state. LDH is required to assess a nonrefundable \$1,200 renewal fee every two years after the initial license is issued. LDH is required to assess a fee of \$100 for caregiver registries failing to timely renew, and a fine of \$250 - \$1,000 for registries operating without a license.

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}		<input checked="" 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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Additionally, HSS reports the need for \$37,935 for operating expenses for travel, office space, telephone lines, and supplies; \$100,000 for a professional services contract to develop a new licensing portal; \$25,608 for the purchase of equipment: computers/monitors, printers, telephones, filing cabinets, desk chairs, mobile scanners/printers.

EXPENDITURES

Position	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Med. Cert. Program Manager (2 T.O.)	\$238,558	\$315,992	\$315,992	\$315,992	\$315,992
Med. Cert. Specialist 2 (5 T.O.)	\$520,967	\$689,986	\$689,986	\$689,986	\$689,986
Program Monitor (1 T.O.)	\$88,304	\$116,969	\$116,969	\$116,969	\$116,969
Admin Program Specialist A (1 T.O.)	\$62,938	\$83,367	\$83,367	\$83,367	\$83,367
Personal Services Sub-total	\$910,767	\$1,206,314	\$1,206,314	\$1,206,314	\$1,206,314
Operating Expenses	\$37,935	\$50,580	\$50,580	\$50,580	\$50,580
Professional Services	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$25,608	\$0	\$0	\$20,712	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$1,074,310	\$1,256,894	\$1,256,894	\$1,256,894	\$1,256,894
T.O.	9	9	9	9	9

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