



Senate

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File No. 560

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 531

Senate, April 24, 2002

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. CRISCO of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social
2 Services may, with regard to the provision of behavioral health
3 services provided pursuant to a state plan under Title XIX or Title XXI
4 of the Social Security Act: (1) Contract with an administrative services
5 organization to provide clinical management and other administrative
6 services; (2) delegate responsibility to the Department of Children and
7 Families for the clinical management portion of an administrative
8 contract pertaining to children under the age of eighteen or individuals
9 who are otherwise receiving behavioral health services from said
10 department; and (3) delegate to the Department of Mental Health and
11 Addiction Services responsibility for the clinical management portion
12 of an administrative contract pertaining to individuals over the age of
13 seventeen.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill allows the Department of Social Services (DSS) to contract with an administrative service organization for clinical management of behavioral health services under the Medicaid and HUSKY programs. The bill also allows DSS to delegate the responsibility for clinical management portion of the administrative contract to either the Department of Children and Families or the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. It is expected that the departments can accommodate these responsibilities within their anticipated budgetary resources.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**SUMMARY:**

This bill allows the social services commissioner, in providing behavioral health services under the Medicaid or HUSKY programs, to:

1. contract with an administrative services organization to provide clinical management and other administrative services and
2. delegate responsibility for the clinical management portion of the contract to (a) the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for services to adults and (b) the Department of Children and Families (DCF) for children through age 17 or who receive behavioral health services from DCF.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Legislative History***

The original version of this bill (File 250) required the Department of Social Services to set specific rates for hospital and community mental health outpatient services, hospital outpatient mental therapy services, and acute care hospital partial hospitalization services. The House referred this bill to the Appropriations Committee on April 10. The committee reported this substitute on April 16.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 25 Nay 0

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 18 Nay 0

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 46 Nay 0