

The Connecticut Department of Social Services
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DATE OF REQUEST: September 8, 2011

TITLE: Proposed Regulation # 11-07
To amend section 17b-423-8 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies regarding the qualifications of respite care providers under the National Family Caregiver Support Program to allow certain family members to qualify as respite care providers.

STATE IMPACT: The proposed amendment creates more flexibility regarding who may provide respite services by offering a self-directed care option and allowing personal care assistants to be service providers in compliance with changes made by the 2006 Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act.

State Cost SFY 2012: None

State Cost SFY 2013: None

State Revenue SFY 2012: None

State Revenue SFY 2013: None

MUNICIPAL IMPACT:

FEDERAL IMPACT:

State Revenue SFY 2012: None

State Revenue SFY 2013: None

EXPLANATION OF STATEMENT:

The purpose of Regulation # 11-07 is to increase the flexibility of the National Family Caregiver Support Program by permitting a self-directed care option under which caregivers may hire personal care assistants to provide respite services. The main provisions of the regulation would (1) amend the provider qualifications to clarify that the spouse or the conservator of the care recipient shall not qualify to be a respite care provider; (2) provide that a relative of the conservator of the care recipient may only qualify to be a respite care provider if first approved by the Department; (3) add the self-directed care option, under which personal care assistants may be hired by the caregiver to provide respite care services; and (4) makes several technical changes to bring the state regulations into compliance with the 2006 Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act that expands eligibility for care recipients. The proposed amendment creates more flexibility regarding who may provide respite services by offering a self-directed care option and allowing personal care assistants to be service providers.

These changes reflect the current operating procedures for these services under the federally funded Title III program. Given that the changes relate to a federally funded program, and that they do not require the Department to provide additional services beyond those already in place under federal law, no state costs are anticipated.

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