

DSS ID # 10-12

AGENCY FISCAL ESTIMATE OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

AGENCY SUBMITTING REGULATION Department of Social Services DATE 2/8/2011

SUBJECT MATTER OF REGULATION Alzheimer's Respite Care

REGULATION SECTION NO. Section 17b-349e 1-9 STATUTORY AUTHORITY PA 09-75

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED None

EFFECTIVE DATE USED IN COST ESTIMATE July 2009

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SUMMARY OF STATE COST AND REVENUE IMPACT OF PROPOSED REGULATION

Agency Department of Social Services Fund Affected General

	SFY 2010	SFY 2010	SFY 2011
Number of Positions	_____	_____	_____
Personal Services	_____	_____	_____
Other Expenses	_____	_____	_____
Equipment	_____	_____	_____
Grants (Medicaid)	_____	_____	_____
Total State Cost (Savings)	_____	_____	_____
Estimated Revenue Gain (Loss)	_____	_____	_____
Total Net State Cost (Savings)	_____	<u>See Below</u>	_____

EXPLANATION OF STATE IMPACT OF REGULATION:

This proposed regulation seeks to amend the Uniform Policy Manual to establish the former Alzheimer's Respite demonstration project as a permanent Department of Social Services program, as required by PA 09-75, An Act

Concerning the Alzheimer's Respite Care Program. The program was established as a pilot in 1998 and has been funded continuously since that time. This is a technical amendment to establish this as a full DSS program.

The proposed amendment also adds personal care assistant services to the list of respite care services available; increases the maximum income and asset levels permitted for eligibility based on the annual cost of living adjustment in Social Security income; expands the monetary cap on services per client from \$3,500 per year to \$7,500 per year; and other technical adjustments.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

With the expansion of the monetary cap and new services, the number of clients that the program may serve could potentially be less during the fiscal year. The average payment per client in SFY 2011 is \$2,370. This is an increase of \$220 over the previous fiscal year of SFY 2010 where the average per client was \$2,150. This program is not an entitlement program and the program must operate within its appropriated budget. However, this could result in a waiting list of clients needing services with the resulting pressure to grant access to the program.

MUNICIPAL IMPACT: None.