



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1086

Senate, April 18, 2013

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY LONG-TERM CARE.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this section, (1)
2 "Community First Choice Option" means a Medicaid state plan option
3 available under the Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended
4 from time to time, which offers states enhanced federal Medicaid
5 reimbursement to provide eligible individuals with home and
6 community-based services, (2) "eligible individual" means a person
7 eligible for Medicaid who, but for the provision of home and
8 community-based services, would require care in an institution, and
9 (3) "institution" means a hospital, nursing facility, intermediate care
10 facility for persons with mental retardation, psychiatric institution for
11 persons under twenty-one years of age or a facility that provides
12 persons sixty-five years of age and older with treatment for mental
13 diseases.

14 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall conduct a fiscal
15 analysis of the benefits and costs of establishing a Community First

16 Choice Option in the Medicaid state plan for eligible individuals. The
 17 fiscal analysis shall be based on (1) actual state expenditures on
 18 existing home and community-based Medicaid waiver programs, (2)
 19 the number of persons on waiting lists for such waiver programs who
 20 would qualify for the Community First Choice Option, (3) current
 21 waiver program services that would qualify for higher federal
 22 reimbursement under the Community First Choice Option, (4)
 23 administrative costs associated with the Community First Choice
 24 Option compared to such costs in existing waiver programs, and (5)
 25 savings the state would realize under the Community First Choice
 26 Option.

27 (c) Not later than January 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Social
 28 Services shall submit a report on the results of the fiscal analysis, in
 29 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
 30 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
 31 cognizance of matters relating to human services and appropriations
 32 and the budgets of state agencies. If savings exceed costs, the
 33 Commissioner of Social Services shall, pursuant to section 17b-8 of the
 34 general statutes, seek a Medicaid state plan amendment not later than
 35 February 1, 2014, to implement the Community First Choice Option.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The first sentence of section 1(c) was redrafted to conform with the style of the general statutes.

HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Savings	Potential	Potential

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to conduct a fiscal analysis of establishing a Community First Choice Option under the Medicaid program, and to report its findings to the General Assembly. There is no fiscal impact from these requirements.

The bill further requires DSS to implement a Community First Choice Option, effective February 1, 2014, if it determines that the savings of such a program exceeds its costs. As such, there is a potential savings should DSS's analysis reach this conclusion.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (04/02/2013)