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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 14-142—HB 5325**

*Human Services Committee*

*Appropriations Committee*

**AN ACT ELIMINATING THE HOME-CARE COST CAP**

**SUMMARY:** The Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE) provides home health and community-based services to frail elders as an alternative to nursing home care. This act eliminates the cost cap on community-based, Medicaid waiver-funded services, which, under prior law, was set at 60% of the weighted average cost of care in skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities.

The act also specifies that the state's cost for long-term facility care and all CHCPE services, not just the program's community-based services, cannot exceed the cost the state would have incurred to pay for nursing home care without the program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

**BACKGROUND**

*CHCPE*

CHCPE operates under a three-tiered service structure that provides a range of services depending on the applicant's condition. Two tiers are state-funded; the third is authorized under a federal Medicaid waiver.

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