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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sSB 412**

#### ***AN ACT INCREASING MEDICAID RATES FOR COMPLEX CARE NURSING SERVICES.***

#### **SUMMARY**

Beginning by January 1, 2024, this bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) commissioner to increase the rates for certain “complex care nursing services” provided by home health care agencies or home health aide agencies. In practice, pediatric complex care nursing services currently receive a higher rate than adult complex care nursing services. The bill (1) requires DSS to raise the adult rate to equal the pediatric rate and (2) prohibits age-based differentials for these services.

Under the bill, complex care nursing services are intensive, specialized nursing services given to a patient with complex care needs who requires skilled nursing care at home.

The bill also makes a technical change, requiring that certain notices of intent to adopt regulations be posted on the eRegulations system, rather than in the Connecticut Law Journal.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2024

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Related Bill***

sSB 496, favorably reported by the Appropriations and Human Services committees, (1) requires DSS to compensate family caregivers who provide personal care services under the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders, (2) reduces cost sharing for the state-funded portion of the program, and (3) makes a technical change to reference “adult family living” rather than “elderly foster care.”

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference - APP

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/07/2023)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 52 Nay 0 (04/20/2023)