
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2017 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 405 by Representative Hoffmann

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 7, delete "disability services" and insert in lieu thereof "long-term care" and at the end of the line delete "with"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the beginning of line 8, change "developmental disabilities;" to "receiving long-term care services;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, at the end of line 14, change "DISABILITY SERVICES" to "LONG-TERM CARE"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 17, delete "disability" and insert in lieu thereof "certain long-term care"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

"(4) "Long-term care" means services offered through home- and community-based service providers, intermediate care facilities for persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities, and case management to assist individuals with disabilities in meeting their health, education, employment, recreational, relationship, and community participation goals."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, at the beginning of line 10, change "(4)" to "(5)"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, at the beginning of line 11, change "(5)" to "(6)"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 14, delete "Disability" and insert in lieu thereof "Medicaid long-term care"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, delete lines 15 through 19 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"A. The department shall reimburse providers of long-term care services in accordance with the following requirements:

(1) The department shall implement a rate methodology for Medicaid personal care attendant services that includes the cost of services to be provided as determined by cost reports, regulatory mandates, and incentives that are consistent with national best practice priorities. Funding of any rate increase determined in

1 accordance with the methodology provided for in this Paragraph shall be subject to
2 appropriation by the legislature for this purpose."

3 AMENDMENT NO. 10

4 On page 2, delete lines 23 through 27 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

5 "B.(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 40:1249.4, the department
6 shall implement a system of electronic visit verification, referred to hereafter in this
7 Subsection as an "EVV system" or "EVV", for Medicaid personal care attendant
8 services. Such system shall be consistent with the requirements provided in the 21st
9 Century Cures Act (Public Law 114-255).

10 (2) The department shall identify the cost savings resulting from the EVV
11 system and shall use such savings to reimburse home- and community-based
12 providers for the costs incurred by those providers related to the implementation of
13 EVV."

14 AMENDMENT NO. 11

15 On page 3, delete lines 1 through 3 in their entirety

16 AMENDMENT NO. 12

17 On page 3, line 5, delete "developmental disabilities" and insert in lieu thereof "long-term
18 care"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 13

20 On page 3, at the end of line 7, change "at the time." to "on July 1, 2017."

21 AMENDMENT NO. 14

22 On page 3, at the beginning of line 9, insert "A."

23 AMENDMENT NO. 15

24 On page 3, line 10, delete "developmental disabilities" and insert in lieu thereof "long-term
25 care"

26 AMENDMENT NO. 16

27 On page 3, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

28 "B. Implementation of the provisions of this Section shall be subject to
29 appropriation of funds by the legislature for the purposes provided in this Section."

30 AMENDMENT NO. 17

31 On page 3, delete lines 13 through 17 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

32 "A. The department shall identify cost savings resulting from any
33 efficiencies created within the long-term care system, including but not limited to
34 functions relating to electronic visit verification as provided in R.S. 40:1248.3(B),
35 and shall utilize such cost savings to increase reimbursement rates for long-term care
36 providers consistent with national best practice, department priorities, and current
37 regulations."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 18

2 On page 3, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

3 "(2) The regulation is required by state law."

4 AMENDMENT NO. 19

5 On page 3, at the beginning of line 24, change "(2)" to "(3)"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 20

7 On page 3, between lines 25 and 26, insert the following:

8 "C. The department shall identify and repeal any regulatory requirement to
9 which long-term care services are subject that results in duplication of effort.

10 D. To the extent allowed by law, the department shall develop and adopt
11 regulations that facilitate employment in the long-term care services field of
12 qualified staff persons who have prior convictions for certain criminal offenses.

13 E. The department shall review regulatory requirements for long-term care
14 services in order to identify regulations which may be repealed for the purpose of
15 decreasing the number and cost to providers of unfunded mandates.

16 F. The department shall periodically review all rules, regulations, policies,
17 manuals, and guidelines pertaining to long-term care services for the following
18 purposes:

19 (1) To ensure accuracy.

20 (2) To consider current best practices.

21 (3) To update long-term care administrative processes, including but not
22 limited to any of the following:

23 (a) Billing and payment processes.

24 (b) Medicaid audits and investigations.

25 (c) Abuse and neglect training.

26 (d) Emergency preparedness requirements."

27 AMENDMENT NO. 21

28 On page 4, at the beginning of line 1, change "Section 2.(A)" to "Section 2."

29 AMENDMENT NO. 22

30 On page 4, line 2, delete "all"

31 AMENDMENT NO. 23

32 On page 4, delete lines 4 through 7 in their entirety