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SENATE BILL 1179

AN ACT

AMENDING LAWS 1999, CHAPTER 313, SECTION 35, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2001, CHAPTER 140, SECTION 1; RELATING TO THE ALZHEIMER'S TREATMENT ASSISTIVE LIVING FACILITY DEMONSTRATION PILOT PROJECT.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Laws 1999, chapter 313, section 35, as amended by
3 Laws 2001, chapter 140, section 1, is amended to read:

4 Sec. 35. Alzheimer's treatment assistive living facility
5 demonstration pilot project

6 A. Beginning on October 1, 1999, the Alzheimer's treatment assistive
7 living facility demonstration pilot project is established. Any person who
8 is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia and who is eligible
9 for title XIX services pursuant to section 36-2931, Arizona Revised Statutes,
10 may participate in the pilot project subject to the following limitation on
11 the maximum number of participants:

12 ~~1. Beginning on October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000, not more~~
13 ~~than fifty persons at any one time.~~

14 ~~2. Beginning on October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001, not more~~
15 ~~than seventy-five persons at any one time.~~

16 ~~3.~~ 1. Beginning on October 1, 2001 through ~~September 30, 2005~~ THE
17 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT TO THIS SECTION, not more than one hundred
18 persons at any one time.

19 2. BEGINNING AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT TO THIS
20 SECTION, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003, NOT MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED PERSONS AT ANY
21 ONE TIME.

22 3. BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2004 THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2005, NOT MORE THAN
23 THREE HUNDRED PERSONS AT ANY ONE TIME.

24 B. Alzheimer's treatment assistive living facilities that participated
25 in the demonstration project established by Laws 1994, chapter 103, section
26 1, as amended by Laws 1995, chapter 105, section 2 and Laws 1998, chapter
27 178, section 15, are eligible for this pilot project. Beginning on October
28 1, 2001, any Alzheimer's treatment assistive living facility that meets the
29 requirements of this section may participate in the demonstration project.

30 C. To receive reimbursement for title XIX covered services, the
31 assisted living facilities shall provide a level of care that does not exceed
32 directed care services as defined in section 36-401, Arizona Revised
33 Statutes, and must contract with a program contractor at the reimbursement
34 rate offered by the program contractor. Title XIX covered services do not
35 include room and board in an assisted living facility.

36 D. An assisted living facility participating in the pilot project
37 shall have buildings and furnishings that are designed for the residents'
38 safety. The facility's physical plant, safety and food service standards
39 shall meet or exceed department of health services rules for assisted living
40 facilities.

41 E. Residents shall live in a single residential room, unless otherwise
42 requested by the resident or the resident's legal guardian. Each residential
43 room shall be constructed as a private room and shall include living and
44 sleeping space, a private bathroom and a storage area. If a person resides
45 in a county with a population of less than five hundred thousand persons

1 according to the most recent United States decennial census, the director of
2 the Arizona health care cost containment system may waive the single room
3 requirement if the only choice available to that person is to reside in a
4 nursing facility. If the resident's room does not have a private bathroom,
5 the assisted living facility must have a bathroom that is equipped with a
6 single toilet and a single shower and a door that can be closed to provide
7 privacy for a resident.

8 F. The resident to staff ratio shall be designed to meet each
9 resident's daily activity needs. There shall not be more than six residents
10 for each staff member during the morning and evening hours and not more than
11 twelve residents for each staff member during nighttime hours. The
12 facility's director and maintenance staff are not included in computing this
13 ratio. The manager of the facility shall have a minimum of a bachelor degree
14 or three years' work experience with persons with Alzheimer's disease or
15 dementia.

16 G. Each manager and caregiver participating in the assistive living
17 facility pilot project shall receive orientation and training as required in
18 the assisted living facility rules adopted by the department of health
19 services.

20 H. The Arizona health care cost containment system administration
21 shall conduct an evaluation of the pilot project and shall submit a report of
22 its findings to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives and
23 the president of the senate on or before January 15, 2005. The administration
24 shall provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state and the
25 director of the department of library, archives and public records. The
26 evaluation shall include the following:

27 1. A recommendation of whether Alzheimer's assisted living facilities
28 should be an approved permanent setting for the Arizona long-term care system
29 established pursuant to title 36, chapter 29, article 2, Arizona Revised
30 Statutes.

31 2. The number of persons by setting in each reporting year who
32 received services from an assisted living facility participating in the pilot
33 project, by area.

34 3. A list of the assisted living facilities participating in the pilot
35 project.

36 4. The length of placement in the assisted living facilities
37 participating in the pilot project.

38 5. The cost of services provided to pilot project participants for
39 each of the reporting years.

40 6. The percentage of emergency room visits and hospitalizations by
41 each person participating in the pilot project.

42 7. The number of persons transferred from assisted living facilities
43 participating in the pilot project and the setting where the person was
44 moved.

- 1 8. The number and type of deficiencies, any plans of correction or
2 complaint investigations at any of the assisted living facilities
3 participating in the pilot project as provided to the Arizona health care
4 cost containment system administration by the department of health services.
5 9. Whether the assistive living facilities participating in the pilot
6 project were able to deliver title XIX services at a reasonable cost when
7 compared with other alternative residential facilities that provide services
8 to persons with Alzheimer's disease.
9 10. The impact of the pilot project in rural and urban areas of this
10 state.
11 11. A recommendation on whether to continue the pilot project on a
12 statewide basis.
13 12. Any other information that the Arizona health care cost containment
14 system administration determines is necessary to help evaluate the efficacy
15 and cost-effectiveness of the pilot project.