

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1466

family caregiver grant program

Purpose

Modifies qualifying expenses, reapplication requirements and family member eligibility related to the Family Caregiver Grant Program (Grant Program).

Background

The Grant Program was established for individuals who have qualifying expenses due to caring for and supporting a qualifying family member in the individual's home. To be eligible to receive a grant, an individual must: 1) be a resident of Arizona; 2) meet prescribed income qualifications; 3) incur qualifying expenses due to the care of one or more qualifying family members; and 4) submit an application and claim with specified information. The amount of the grant is equal to 50 percent of qualified expenses incurred, up to \$1,000 per qualifying family member. An individual who receives a grant is not eligible to reapply for three consecutive calendar years (A.R.S. § 46-342).

A *qualifying family member* is an individual who: 1) is at least 18 years old; 2) requires assistance with activities of daily living as certified by a licensed physician, registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant; and 3) is an eligible member of the grant applicant's family. Grant monies may be used on *qualifying expenses* that relate directly to caring for caring for or supporting a qualifying family member, including improvements or alterations to the individual's primary residence (A.R.S. § 46-341).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

- 1. Allows grant monies to be used to improve or alter the qualifying family member's primary residence.
- 2. Allows an individual to reapply for a grant until they have received the maximum grant amount of \$1,000 for each qualifying family member, rather than every three consecutive calendar years.
- 3. Allows an individual who received a grant before the effective date to apply for additional grant monies if they have not received grant monies totaling \$1,000 for each qualifying family member.
- 4. Specifies that improvements or alterations to long-term care facilities or assisted living facilities are not qualifying expenses under the Grant Program.

- 5. Includes, as a *qualifying family member*, an eligible individual who requires assistance with daily living as certified by a licensed social worker or a case manager or care coordinator capable of assessing the activities of daily living.
- 6. Defines *care coordinator* or *case manager* as a person who provides medical or nonmedical case management services, including:
 - a) services provided by managed care organizations, insurance companies or hospitals; and
 - b) home and community-based services provided through area agencies on aging, the Arizona long-term care system, home health agencies, hospice or senior centers.
- 7. Extends the Grant Program to July 1, 2024.
- 8. Make technical and conforming changes.
- 9. Becomes effective on the general effective date, except as otherwise noted.

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