

Fiscal Note

BILL # SB 1618

TITLE: developmental disabilities; treatment plans; billing

SPONSOR: Wadsack

STATUS: Senate Engrossed

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Description

The bill, as engrossed by the Senate, would require the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) within the Department of Economic Security (DES) to develop and implement a verification system for person-centered service plans and behavioral treatment plans for DDD clients. It would also require DDD to implement an independent review process for monthly residential billing statements and require certain information be included in each statement.

Estimated Impact

We estimate that the bill's provisions relating to a person-centered service plans verification system and a residential billing independent review process could increase DES administrative costs on an ongoing basis. There may also be one-time costs for DES to update its residential billing statement systems. However, DES has not yet responded to our request for its estimate of the bill's fiscal impact. As a result, we are unable to determine the magnitude of the increase.

Analysis

The person-centered service plan is what DDD case managers currently use to assess the needs of DDD members and determine the necessary services and supports for a member to reach his or her goals. Case managers engage with members and their families to gather information and incorporate members' desires, preferences, and needs into each individualized service plan. Under this bill, each service plan would need to include a section that assists providers in identifying and defining "what works and does not work for each client."

The bill would require DDD to implement a verification system for its person-centered service plans and behavioral treatment plans. The verification system would "ensure information accuracy and consistency" of the service plans. The bill would also require DDD to implement an independent review process for members' residential billing statements, in addition to requiring certain information be included on these statements.

We anticipate there may be administrative costs associated with implementation of both the person-centered service plan verification system and the residential billing independent review process. However, we cannot determine the magnitude of the costs without a response from DES. The cost would depend on the specific processes the agency implements to carry out the requirements of the bill.

Local Government Impact

None

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