

# **FISCAL NOTE**

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REPEAL REPORT ON INCREASE RATE FOR DIRECT SUPPORT **Bill Topic:** 

Summary of □ State Revenue **Fiscal Impact:** 

□ State Transfer □ Statutory Public Entity

Budget Package Bill. The bill repeals a requirement for service agencies to report to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing regarding increased reimbursement rates within the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Waiver. Beginning in FY 2020-21, the bill will decrease workload in the Department

of Health Care Policy and Financing.

**Appropriation Summary:** 

No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note** Status:

This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommenced by the Joint

Budget Committee as part of its FY 2020-21 budget balancing package.

#### **Summary of Legislation**

House Bill 18-1407 increased reimbursement rates for specific services delivered through the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver program. HB 18-1407 also required that the increased funding be used only to increase compensation for direct support professionals, and required that service agencies track and report how they used the increased funding to the Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing (HCPF). This bill removes the reporting requirement for service agencies, while maintaining the tracking requirement for service agencies.

#### Background

HCBS waivers provide additional services to specified populations with the purpose of keeping eligible clients in their homes and out of nursing facilities.

## State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2020-21, the bill decreases workload in HCPF as they will no longer be required to collect and analyze reports from service agencies with respect to increased reimbursement rates for the HCBS waiver. No change in appropriation is required.

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## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Health Care Policy and Financing