Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division

SF 2423 – Temporary Health Care Placement Decision Makers (LSB5341SV)
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Description

Senate File 2423 relates to care facility placement decisions for certain adults. The Bill allows a physician to certify in a patient's record that the patient is not able to consent, that an authorized representative for the patient has not been located by the physician, and that it is in the patient's best interests to be discharged from the patient's current care facility and transferred or admitted to a care facility recommended by the physician. The Bill also allows an authorized person to make decisions regarding the patient's care facility placement following physician certification. The Bill authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt administrative rules to administer the Bill.

Assumptions and Background

- University of Iowa Health Care (UIHC) provides services to 10 to 12 patients per month who cannot consent to discharge.
- The average unnecessary bed days per patient is 2.6 days.
- The average net daily rate per patient is $1,663.

Fiscal Impact

According to the Board of Regents, Senate File 2423 may reduce revenues for UIHC by approximately $519,000 to $623,000 annually.

Sources

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University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics

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