

House File 488 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 106)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to including the maintenance of service animals
2 as an eligible service reimbursable under the home and
3 community-based services waivers.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 1491HV 83
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1 1 Section 1. SERVICE ANIMALS == ELIGIBLE SERVICE UNDER
1 2 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE HOME AND COMMUNITY=BASED SERVICES WAIVERS.
1 3 1. The department of human services shall submit an
1 4 amendment to the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of
1 5 the United States department of health and human services to
1 6 add the maintenance of a service animal as an eligible service
1 7 reimbursable under the medical assistance home and
1 8 community-based services waivers.
1 9 2. For the purposes of this section:
1 10 a. "Maintenance of a service animal" means the provision
1 11 of ancillary care for a service animal if specifically related
1 12 to the health and maintenance of the service animal.
1 13 b. "Service animal" means an animal professionally trained
1 14 and certified by a recognized certification entity to assist a
1 15 person with a disability in meeting specific personal care
1 16 needs or engaging in daily activities.
1 17 3. If the amendment is approved, the department shall
1 18 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to implement this section.
1 19 The rules shall provide all of the following:
1 20 a. Reimbursement of the costs of maintenance of a service
1 21 animal may be subject to prior authorization.
1 22 b. Reimbursement of the costs of maintenance of a service
1 23 animal shall be limited to no more than five hundred dollars
1 24 per year for an individual waiver recipient.
1 25 c. The process for receiving reimbursement for the
1 26 maintenance of a service animal.

EXPLANATION

1 27 This bill directs the department of human services to
1 28 submit a medical assistance waiver amendment to the centers
1 29 for Medicare and Medicaid services to add the maintaining of a
1 30 service animal as an eligible service reimbursable under the
1 31 medical assistance home and community-based services waivers.
1 32 If the waiver amendment is approved, the department is
1 33 directed to adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to implement
1 34 the provision relating to the reimbursement process and
1 35 limits. The bill defines "service animal" and "maintenance of
2 1 a service animal" for the purposes of the bill.
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