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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a pilot program in the department of health
2 and human services to refurbish and recondition durable
3 medical equipment purchased under the medical assistance
4 program.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **249A.5 Durable medical equipment**
2 **reconditioning and refurbishment — pilot program.**

3 1. A Medicaid durable medical equipment reconditioning and
4 refurbishment pilot program is established within the department.
5 The department shall develop and administer the pilot program as
6 follows:

7 a. The department shall coordinate the pilot program with the
8 local affiliate of a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
9 that provides essential services to children and adults with
10 disabilities, older adults, veterans, and the families of
11 children and adults with disabilities, older adults, and
12 veterans.

13 b. The department shall establish a process to track each
14 item of durable medical equipment purchased under the medical
15 assistance program and provided to a recipient. The department
16 shall institute an informational campaign that upon delivery to a
17 recipient of an item of durable medical equipment, the recipient
18 and the recipient's caregivers are clearly informed that upon the
19 death of, or because of a change in the health status of, the
20 recipient, the item of durable medical equipment is no longer
21 necessary, and the recipient or the recipient's caregiver must
22 contact the local affiliate of the national 501(c)(3) nonprofit
23 organization described in paragraph "a" to schedule pick up of
24 the item of durable medical equipment.

25 c. After the local affiliate of the national 501(c)(3)
26 nonprofit organization described in paragraph "a" picks up
27 an item of durable medical equipment, the local affiliate
28 shall arrange for the reconditioning or refurbishing of the
29 item of durable medical equipment. After reconditioning or
30 refurbishment, the item of durable medical equipment shall be
31 placed in the local affiliate's inventory, and shall be made
32 available free of charge to a recipient who is in need of the
33 refurbished or reconditioned item of durable medical equipment.

34 2. Annually, on or before October 31, the director of health
35 and human services shall submit a report to the general assembly

1 regarding the status of the pilot program and must include the
2 following information for the immediately preceding fiscal year:

3 a. The total number, and type, of items of durable medical
4 equipment purchased under the medical assistance program and
5 provided to a recipient.

6 b. The total number, and type, of items of durable medical
7 equipment purchased under the medical assistance program,
8 provided to a recipient, and picked up by a local affiliate
9 of the national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization described in
10 subsection 1, paragraph "a".

11 c. The total number, and type, of items of durable medical
12 equipment purchased under the medical assistance program,
13 provided to a recipient, and refurbished or reconditioned by a
14 local affiliate of a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
15 described in subsection 1, paragraph "a".

16 d. The total number, and type, of items of durable medical
17 equipment purchased under the medical assistance program,
18 provided to a recipient, refurbished or reconditioned by a
19 local affiliate of a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
20 described in subsection 1, paragraph "a", and made available free
21 of charge to a recipient who is in need of the refurbished or
22 reconditioned item of durable medical equipment.

23 e. The total number, and type, of items of refurbished
24 or reconditioned durable medical equipment currently in the
25 inventory of the local affiliate of a national 501(c)(3)
26 nonprofit organization described in subsection 1, paragraph "a".

27 f. The aggregate cost of the pilot program.

28 3. This section is repealed July 1, 2030.

29 EXPLANATION

30 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
31 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

32 This bill establishes a pilot program in the department of
33 health and human services (HHS) to refurbish and recondition
34 durable medical equipment (DME) purchased under the medical
35 assistance program (program).

1 The bill directs HHS to develop and administer the pilot
2 program by coordinating the pilot program with the local
3 affiliate of a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that
4 provides essential services to children and adults with
5 disabilities, older adults, veterans, and the families of
6 children and adults with disabilities, older adults, and veterans
7 (local affiliate).

8 HHS shall establish a process to track each item of DME
9 purchased under the program and provided to a recipient under
10 the program (recipient). The department shall institute an
11 informational campaign that upon delivery to a recipient of an
12 item of DME, the recipient and the recipient's caregivers are
13 clearly informed that upon the death of, or because of a change
14 in health status of, the recipient, the item of DME is no longer
15 necessary, and the recipient or the recipient's caregiver must
16 contact the local affiliate to schedule pick up of the item of
17 DME. After the local affiliate picks up an item of DME, the local
18 affiliate must arrange to have the item of DME reconditioned or
19 refurbished, place it in the local affiliate's inventory, and
20 make it available free of charge to a recipient who is in need
21 of the refurbished or reconditioned item of DME.

22 Annually, on or before October 31, the director of HHS shall
23 submit a report to the general assembly regarding the status of
24 the pilot program and must include the information detailed in
25 the bill for the immediately preceding fiscal year.

26 The pilot program is repealed July 1, 2030.