

House Study Bill 739 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the Medicaid home and community-based
2 services elderly waiver program, including transition
3 planning and assisted living services.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 249A.32C Medicaid home and
2 community-based services elderly waiver program — transition
3 planning, case management, and assisted living services.

4 The department of health and human services shall adopt
5 rules pursuant to chapter 17A that do all of the following:

6 1. Allow case managers and care coordination team members
7 to work with a resident of a skilled nursing facility, family
8 members of the resident, and other skilled nursing facility
9 staff to initiate transition planning from the skilled
10 nursing facility to the Medicaid home and community-based
11 services elderly waiver program prior to the discharge of
12 the resident. Transition planning may include but is not
13 limited to needs assessments, care coordination, and service
14 planning. Transition planning may be initiated for any
15 resident of a skilled nursing facility who is determined by the
16 skilled nursing facility's discharge planner to be capable of
17 successfully transitioning to a lower level of care, and who is
18 otherwise eligible for the Medicaid home and community-based
19 services elderly waiver program. Provision of Medicaid home
20 and community-based elderly waiver services shall commence
21 after the resident is discharged to a lower level of care.

22 2. a. Define "*targeted population*", for purposes of
23 case management services furnished to Medicaid home and
24 community-based services elderly waiver program participants,
25 as an individual who meets one of the following criteria:

26 (1) An adult who is identified with a primary diagnosis
27 of intellectual disability, chronic mental illness, or
28 developmental disability.

29 (2) A child who is eligible to receive home and
30 community-based intellectual disability waiver services or home
31 and community-based children's mental health waiver services.

32 (3) An adult aged sixty-five or older who is a resident of
33 a nursing facility, as that term is defined in section 135C.1,
34 approved by Medicaid to provide services under the Medicaid
35 home and community-based services elderly waiver program.

1 The bill directs the department of health and human
2 services (HHS) to adopt rules to allow case managers and care
3 coordination team members to work with a resident of a skilled
4 nursing facility, family members of the resident, and other
5 skilled nursing facility staff to initiate transition planning
6 from the skilled nursing facility to the elderly waiver program
7 prior to the discharge of the resident.

8 HHS must also adopt rules to include adults aged 65 or older
9 who are residents of a nursing facility in the definition of
10 targeted population for purposes of case management services
11 furnished to elderly waiver participants.

12 The bill directs HHS to adopt rules to define "assisted
13 living service" to mean personal care and supportive services
14 that are furnished to waiver participants who reside in a
15 homelike, noninstitutional setting. The service must include
16 24-hour on-site response capability to meet member needs
17 as well as member safety and security through incidental
18 supervision. Assisted living service is not reimbursable
19 if performed at the same time as any service included in an
20 approved consumer-directed attendant care agreement. The rules
21 must also specify certain billing requirements.