

House Study Bill 759 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY
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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:

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

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

7 a. The department shall coordinate the pilot program
8 with the local affiliate of a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit
9 organization that provides essential services to children
10 and adults with disabilities, older adults, veterans, and
11 the families of children and adults with disabilities, older
12 adults, and 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
17 to a recipient of an item of durable medical equipment, the
18 recipient and the recipient's caregivers are clearly informed
19 that upon the death of, or because of a change in the health
20 status of, the recipient, the item of durable medical equipment
21 is no longer necessary, and the recipient or the recipient's
22 caregiver must contact the local affiliate of the national
23 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization described in paragraph "a" to
24 schedule pick up of 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
35 health and human services shall submit a report to the general

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 *f.* The aggregate cost of the pilot program.

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

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EXPLANATION

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

34 This bill establishes a pilot program in the department of
35 health and human services (HHS) to refurbish and recondition

1 durable medical equipment (DME) purchased under the medical
2 assistance program (program).

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

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

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

29 The pilot program is repealed July 1, 2030.