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HOUSE BILL NO. 675

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 51.5-160 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 37.2-421.1, relating to auxiliary grants; supportive housing.*

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 51.5-160 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 37.2-421.1 as follows:

§ 37.2-421.1. Supportive housing providers.

A. The Department may enter into an agreement for the provision of supportive housing for individuals receiving auxiliary grants pursuant to § 51.5-160 with any provider licensed to provide mental health community support services, intensive community treatment, programs of assertive community treatment, supportive in-home services, or supervised living residential services. Such agreement shall include requirements for (i) individualized service plans for every individual receiving services, (ii) access to skills training for every individual receiving services, (iii) assistance with accessing available community-based services and supports for every individual receiving services, (iv) recipient-level outcome data reporting, (v) adherence to identified supportive housing components, (vi) initial identification and ongoing review of the level of care needs for each recipient, (vii) ongoing monitoring of services described in the recipient's individualized service plan, and (viii) annual inspections by the Department or its designee to determine whether the provider is in compliance with the requirements of the agreement.

B. Supportive housing provided by providers entering into agreements with the Department pursuant to this section shall (i) include appropriate support services in the least restrictive and most integrated setting practicable for the recipient, (ii) comply with federal habitability standards, (iii) provide cooking and bathroom facilities in each unit, (iv) afford dignity and privacy to the recipient, (v) include rights of tenancy and rights of appeal prior to termination of a recipient's tenancy, (vi) provide rental levels that leave sufficient funds for other necessary living expenses, and (vii) not admit or retain recipients who require ongoing, onsite, 24-hour supervision and care or recipients who have any of the conditions or care needs described in subsection D of § 63.2-1805.

C. The Department may immediately revoke any agreement pursuant to subsection A if the Department determines that the provider has violated the terms of the agreement or any federal or state law or regulation.

§ 51.5-160. Auxiliary grants program; administration of program.

A. As used in this section:

"Qualified assessor" means an individual who is authorized to perform an assessment, reassessment, or change in level of care for an applicant to or resident of supportive housing or an assisted living facility. For public pay individuals, a "qualified assessor" is an employee of a public human services agency trained in the completion of the uniform assessment instrument. For individuals receiving services from a community services board or behavioral health authority, a "qualified assessor" is an employee or designee of the community services board or behavioral health authority. For private pay individuals, a "qualified assessor" is a staff member of the supportive housing provider or assisted living facility trained in the completion of the uniform assessment instrument or an independent private physician.

"Supportive housing" means a residential setting for an auxiliary grant recipient in which housing and related services are provided to the recipient by a provider licensed to provide mental health community support services, intensive community treatment, programs of assertive community treatment, supportive in-home services, or supervised living residential services pursuant to an agreement between the provider and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services pursuant to § 37.2-421.1.

B. The Commissioner is authorized to prepare and implement, effective with repeal of Titles I, X, and XIV of the Social Security Act, a plan for a state and local funded auxiliary grants program to provide assistance to certain individuals *who (i) are ineligible for benefits under Title XVI of the Social Security Act, as amended, and to certain other individuals or for whom benefits provided under Title XVI of the Social Security Act, as amended, are not sufficient to maintain the minimum standards of*

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59 need established by regulations promulgated by the Commissioner *and (ii) reside in supportive housing,*
60 *an assisted living facility licensed by the Department of Social Services pursuant to Chapter 17 (§*
61 *63.2-1700 et seq.) of Title 63.2, or an adult foster care home approved by a local board of social*
62 *services pursuant to § 63.2-1601.* The plan shall be in effect in all political subdivisions in the
63 Commonwealth and shall be administered in conformity with regulations of the Commissioner.

64 Nothing herein is to be construed to affect any such section as it relates to Temporary Assistance for
65 Needy Families, general relief, or services to persons eligible for assistance under P.L. 92-603.

66 ~~B. Those individuals who receive an auxiliary grant and who reside in licensed assisted living~~
67 ~~facilities or adult foster care homes~~ C. *Auxiliary grant recipients* shall be entitled to a personal needs
68 allowance when computing the amount of the auxiliary grant. The amount of such personal needs
69 allowance shall be set forth in the appropriation act.

70 ~~C. D.~~ The Commissioner shall adopt regulations for the administration of the auxiliary grants
71 program that shall include requirements for the Department to use in establishing auxiliary grant rates
72 for licensed assisted living facilities and adult foster care homes. At a minimum, these requirements *such*
73 *regulations* shall address include (i) the process for the facilities and homes to use in reporting their
74 costs, including allowable costs and resident charges, the time period for reporting costs, forms to be
75 used, financial reviews, and audits of reported costs; (ii) the process to be used in calculating the
76 auxiliary grant rates for the facilities and homes; and (iii) the services to be provided to the auxiliary
77 grant recipient and paid for by the auxiliary grant and not charged to the recipient's personal needs
78 allowance *and (ii) the process for supportive housing providers, assisted living facilities, and adult*
79 *foster care homes to report and certify maintenance of the personal needs allowance and compliance*
80 *with regulations for administration of the auxiliary grants program.*

81 ~~D. E.~~ In order to receive an auxiliary grant while residing in *supportive housing or an assisted living*
82 facility, an individual shall have been evaluated by a case manager or other qualified assessor *using the*
83 *uniform assessment instrument* to determine his need for residential living care *upon admission and*
84 *annually thereafter.* An individual may ~~be admitted to select supportive housing or an assisted living~~
85 facility ~~pending subject to evaluation and assessment of the individual and availability of the selected~~
86 *housing option* as allowed by regulations of the Commissioner, but in no event shall any public agency
87 incur a financial obligation if the individual is determined ineligible for an auxiliary grant.

88 The Commissioner shall adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this subsection.

89 ~~E. F.~~ Provisions of Chapter 5 (§ 63.2-500 et seq.) of Title 63.2, relating to the administration of
90 public assistance programs, shall govern operations of the auxiliary grant program established pursuant
91 to this section.

92 ~~F. G.~~ Assisted living facilities ~~and~~, adult foster care homes, *and supportive housing providers*
93 providing services to auxiliary grant recipients may accept payments made by third parties for services
94 provided to an auxiliary grant recipient, and the Department shall not include such payments as income
95 for the purpose of determining eligibility for or calculating the amount of an auxiliary grant, provided
96 that the payment is made:

97 1. Directly to the assisted living facility ~~or~~, adult foster care home, *or supportive housing provider* by
98 the third party on behalf of the auxiliary grant recipient;

99 2. Voluntarily by the third party, and not in satisfaction of a condition of admission, stay, or
100 provision of proper care and services to the auxiliary grant recipient, unless the auxiliary grant
101 recipient's physical needs exceed the services required to be provided by the assisted living facility *or*
102 *supportive housing provider* as a condition of participation in the auxiliary grant program pursuant to
103 subsection ~~C~~ D; and

104 3. For specific goods and services provided to the auxiliary grant recipient other than food, shelter,
105 or specific goods or services required to be provided by the assisted living facility ~~or~~, adult foster care
106 home, *or supportive housing provider* as a condition of participation in the auxiliary grant program
107 pursuant to subsection ~~C~~ D.

108 ~~G. H.~~ Assisted living facilities ~~and~~, adult foster care homes, *and supportive housing providers* shall
109 document all third-party payments received on behalf of an auxiliary grant recipient, including the
110 source and amount of the payment and the goods and services for which such payments are to be used.
111 Documentation related to the third-party payments shall be provided to the Department upon request.

112 ~~H. I.~~ Assisted living facilities ~~and~~, adult foster care homes, *and supportive housing providers* shall
113 provide each auxiliary grant recipient with a written list of the goods and services that are covered by
114 the auxiliary grant pursuant to subsection ~~C~~ D, including a clear statement that the facility, *home, or*
115 *provider* may not charge an auxiliary grant recipient or the recipient's family additional amounts for
116 goods or services included on such list.

117 **2. That the Commissioner for Aging and Rehabilitative Services shall promulgate regulations to**
118 **implement the provisions of this act to be effective within 180 days of its enactment.**

119 **3. That the Commissioner for Aging and Rehabilitative Services shall develop guidance documents**
120 **for implementation of the provisions of this act no later than January 1, 2017. In developing such**

121 guidance documents, the Commissioner for Aging and Rehabilitative Services shall provide notice
 122 to the public and opportunity for public comment and public participation.
 123 4. That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall develop guidance
 124 documents for implementation of the provisions of this act no later than January 1, 2017. In
 125 developing such guidance documents related to supportive housing, the Department of Behavioral
 126 Health and Developmental Services shall consider how the supportive housing setting can be
 127 designed to serve homeless veterans with serious mental illness. The Department of Behavioral
 128 Health and Developmental Services shall provide notice to the public and opportunity for public
 129 comment and public participation in developing such guidance documents.
 130 5. That the provisions of this act shall not become effective if they conflict with any federal law or
 131 regulation or any guidance document provided by the U.S. Social Security Administration.
 132 6. That the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall obtain approval for any required
 133 amendments to regulations promulgated by the Department of Medical Assistance Services
 134 necessary to implement the provisions of this act from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
 135 Services and shall promulgate regulations implementing such amendments within 180 days of the
 136 enactment of this act. The Department of Medical Assistance Services may implement any policy
 137 or plan changes necessary to implement the provisions of this act upon its passage and prior to the
 138 promulgation of regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act.
 139 7. That funds to be expended in accordance with this act shall be limited to the amount
 140 appropriated for the auxiliary grant program.