

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 731

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Head

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Medical Assistance Services, Department of; payment for certain services to hospice patients

5. Summary: The proposed legislation directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to implement a process for direct payment of nursing facility or ICF/MR services for hospice patients receiving services in a nursing facility or ICF/MR if such patient would be eligible for medical assistance for nursing facility or ICF/MR services had he not elected to receive hospice care.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: It is currently unclear as to whether the payment process changes required by this bill are allowable through managed care contracting and DMAS is currently seeking clarification from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Regardless of the CMS ruling, this bill is not expected to have any fiscal impact because the amount of the payment for hospice services would not change, only the provider that is paid for those services.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:
Department of Medical Assistance Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None