

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1639

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

2. Patron: Head, Christopher T.

3. Committee: Appropriations

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 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. The bill provides that payments made to a nursing facility or ICF/MR shall be the full amount that would be paid to the nursing facility or ICF/MR if the individual was not receiving hospice services, and shall not reflect any discount to such rates.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. The introduced budget includes funding sufficient to cover the anticipated cost of this bill.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final

Expenditure Impact:

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Fund</i> |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 2019 | - | - |
| 2020 | \$447,220 \$447,220 | General Federal |
| 2021 | \$447,220 \$447,220 | General Federal |
| 2022 | \$447,220 \$447,220 | General Federal |
| 2023 | \$447,220 \$447,220 | General Federal |
| 2024 | \$447,220 \$447,220 | General Federal |
| 2025 | \$447,220 \$447,220 | General Federal |

8. Fiscal Implications: The introduced budget includes the necessary funding cover the increased payments required by this bill.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None