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AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME AIR CONDITIONING,
COST REPORTING TRANSPARENCY, WAITING LIST
REQUIREMENTS, INVOLUNTARY PATIENT TRANSFER NOTICES
AND TRANSPORTATION FOR RESIDENT SOCIAL VISITS.
AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

See Fiscal Note Details

The amendment strikes the language in the underlying bill and the associated fiscal impact.

Section 1 of the amendment requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to conduct a two-part study of Medicaid rates of reimbursement, within available appropriations, resulting in a cost of approximately \$1 million in FY 24 and \$2 million in FY 25 to contract for the comprehensive study. The study must include (1) an examination of rates for physician specialists, dentists, and behavioral health providers, and (2) a review of the reimbursement system for all other aspects of the Medicaid program.

Section 2 requires state agencies that contract with a nonprofit private provider organization for health and human services to allow such nonprofit organization to retain any savings from a purchase of service contract at the end of each fiscal year, after meeting certain requirements. This provision is not anticipated to result in a net fiscal impact to the state.

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Section 3 eliminates an OPM incentive program for nonprofit human service providers, similar to the program established in Section 2.

Section 4 requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to design and implement a program to provide Medicaid reimbursement to certified community health workers. The extent of cost to the state depends on the Medicaid rate to be established and the utilization of services provided by community health workers.

Sections 5 - 6, which allow facilities to provide nonemergency transportation to residents in certain circumstances and establish a working group concerning nursing home waiting list requirements, have no fiscal impact to the state.

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