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Bill Topic: CONFLICT-FREE CASE MANAGEMENT

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

- State Revenue
- State Expenditure (*minimal*)
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

This bill implements conflict-free case management for individuals enrolled in a Medicaid HCBS waiver program. Beginning in FY 2018-19, this bill will increase workload for the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires that all individuals enrolled in a Medicaid home- and community-based services (HCBS) waiver program be served through a conflict-free management system by June 30, 2022. As defined in the bill, conflict-free case management is provided by a case management agency that is different from the agency that provides services and supports to a client. The bill requires case management agencies to apply to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) for certification before providing case management services. Single entry point (SEP) agencies must become compliant with this bill by June 30, 2020, and 25 percent of individuals receiving HCBS services must be served through a system of conflict-free case management by June 30, 2021.

Background

Previously, House Bill 17-1343 required the implementation of conflict-free case management for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are enrolled in an HCBS waiver program.

There are currently 24 SEP agencies in Colorado that provide case management and functional eligibility determinations for people who receive services through HCBS waivers, four of which provide direct services.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2018-19, this bill will increase workload in HCPF to ensure that the operation of SEP agencies complies with the requirements of conflict-free case management. It is assumed that this workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations. While SEP agencies would no longer offer case management and service provision to the same individual, it is assumed that a change in SEP, case management agency, or service provider will not impact the need for, or utilization of, services.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 8, 2018, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2018, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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Human Services

Health Care Policy and Financing
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