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# Fiscal Note

**Drafting Number:** LLS 21-0867  
**Prime Sponsors:** Sen. Hansen  
Rep. Ransom

**Date:** April 05, 2021  
**Bill Status:** Senate Appropriations  
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**Bill Topic:** REMOTE SUPPORTS FOR ELDERLY, BLIND, & DISABLED WAIVER

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

**Budget package bill.** The bill authorizes the use of remote supports in the Medicaid Elderly, Blind, and Disabled waiver program. It decreases state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required, assuming the required change in appropriations is made in the Long Bill. See State Appropriations section.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. The bill was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee.

**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 21-210**

		Budget Year FY 2021-22	Out Year FY 2022-23	Out Year FY 2022-23
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	General Fund	(\$185,044)	(\$555,136)	(\$740,181)
	Cash Funds	(\$5,292)	(\$15,874)	(\$21,165)
	Federal Funds	(\$190,337)	(\$571,010)	(\$761,347)
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>(\$380,673)</b>	<b>(\$1,142,020)</b>	<b>(\$1,522,693)</b>
<b>Transfers</b>		-	-	-
<b>TABOR Refund</b>		-	-	-

## **Summary of Legislation**

The bill authorizes the use of remote supports with Medicaid clients enrolled in the Home and Community Based Services Medicaid Elderly, Blind, and Disabled waiver.

## **Background**

This change in law is associated with a FY 2021-22 budget request made by the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) and recommended by Joint Budget Committee staff for approval in the Long Bill. The request is for a funding reduction made possible by the incorporation of a remote support option into existing electronic monitoring services in several home and community-based services waivers. While all other waivers allow for this change under current law, the Elderly, Blind, and Disabled Waiver requires a change in law, as implemented by this bill. This transition requires approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, so implementation is planned for January 1, 2022.

Remote supports are an emerging service model that combines technology and direct care to support people with disabilities and reduces the use of in-person services. Examples of remote supports include monitors, sensors, and communication devices that allow attendants in a separate location to provide verbal prompts to members in their homes.

## **State Expenditures**

The bills reduces expenditures in HCPF of \$380,673 in FY 2021-22, \$1,142,020 in FY 2022-23, and \$1,522,193 in FY 2023-24, when the program is fully implemented. The reductions consist of General Fund, cash funds, and federal funds, as shown in Table 1.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State Appropriations**

For FY 2021-22, the bill requires the following reductions in appropriations in the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing:

- \$185,044 from the General Fund;
- \$5,292 from the Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Fee Cash Fund; and
- \$190,337 from federal funds.

It is assumed that the required change in appropriations will be approved by the General Assembly as proposed in the Long Bill. The reduction amounts shown here are a component of the reductions attributable to the Elderly, Blind, and Disabled waiver in HCPF' budget request R-06, which reduces expenditures across multiple waiver programs. If this change in appropriations is not included in the Long Bill, it should be made in this bill.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Health Care Policy and Financing

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