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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Garcia; Bradfield	Bill Status:	House Public & Behavioral Health
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Bill Topic:	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES FOR PEDIATRIC CLIENTS
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Summary of Fiscal Impact:	No fiscal impact. The bill allows a parent to be reimbursed for serving as the authorized representative for a child receiving consumer directed care under Medicaid.
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Appropriation Summary:	No appropriation is required.
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Fiscal Note Status:	The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.
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Summary of Legislation

Under current law, member's receiving consumer directed care through the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing's (HCPF's) Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) may designate an authorized representative to manage the financial matters associated with the care or to direct the eligible person's care. Current law prohibits HCPF from reimbursing authorized representatives for this work.

Under the bill, parents of minors in the CDASS program are exempt from this prohibition.

Background

HCPF offers two consumer directed service delivery options that allows eligible members and or their authorized representative to direct and manage the long-term care services and supports they need to live at home: Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) and In-Home Support Services (IHSS). The introduced bill amends the portion of statute governing the CDASS program. The CDASS program is currently available to adults participating in certain home- and community-based service waiver programs under Medicaid.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

Since the bill affects only the CDASS program, which is exclusively available through adult-only waivers, the provision of the bill allowing parents of minors to receive reimbursement for serving as an authorized representative will not affect costs for the Medicaid program. Thus, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Technical Note

If the bill intends to affect waiver populations that include minors, it will need to change a different sections of statute. A revised fiscal note will be provided to reflect any adopted amendments.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Health Care Policy and Financing