

MEDICAL RESPITE CARE PILOT PROGRAM

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan

Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires the Department of Health to apply for a Medicaid waiver or state plan amendment for medical respite care for homeless individuals.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires the Department of Health to apply for a Medicaid waiver or state plan amendment to provide reimbursement to a facility that provides residential medical respite care to a homeless individual; and
- ▶ establishes a reporting requirement.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26-18-424, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26-18-424** is enacted to read:

26-18-424. Medicaid waiver for respite care facility that provides services to homeless individuals.

- 30 (1) As used in this section:
- 31 (a) "Adult in the expansion population" means an adult:
- 32 (i) described in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII); and
- 33 (ii) not otherwise eligible for Medicaid as a mandatory categorically needy individual.
- 34 (b) "Homeless" means the same as that term is defined in Section [26-18-411](#).
- 35 (c) "Medical respite care" means short-term housing with supportive medical services.
- 36 (d) "Medical respite facility" means a residential facility that provides medical respite
- 37 care to homeless individuals.
- 38 (2) Before January 1, 2022, the department shall apply for a Medicaid waiver or state
- 39 plan amendment with CMS to choose a single medical respite facility to reimburse for services
- 40 provided to an individual who is:
- 41 (a) homeless; and
- 42 (b) an adult in the expansion population.
- 43 (3) The department shall choose a medical respite facility best able to serve homeless
- 44 individuals who are adults in the expansion population.
- 45 (4) If the waiver or state plan amendment described in Subsection (2) is approved,
- 46 while the waiver or state plan amendment is in effect, the department shall submit a report to
- 47 the Health and Human Services Interim Committee each year before November 30 detailing:
- 48 (a) the number of homeless individuals served at the facility;
- 49 (b) the cost of the program; and
- 50 (c) the reduction of health care costs due to the program's implementation.
- 51 (5) Through administrative rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
- 52 Administrative Rulemaking Act, the department shall further define and limit the services,
- 53 described in this section, provided to a homeless individual.