

Motions
Packet for
Social
Services
2/8/2018

I move to add the following intent language to the Current Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations bill:

The Legislature intends that in addition to the purposes described in the intent language in H.B. 7, 2018 General Session, Item 19, nonlapsing funds in the Department of Workforce Services' Operations and Policy line item may also be used for one-time projects, one-time trainings, and data import set-up.

The Legislature intends that the Department of Human Services, in conjunction with the Departments of Health and Workforce Services as needed, study and report on effective management strategies for the Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) waiting list. The result of the study shall be reported to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst no later than October 1, 2018. The report shall include (1) identification of barriers to access for needed services, (2) identification of needs to better understand the demand for those services and how the need can be met by private contract providers and state agencies, (3) a description of how to maximize federal matching funds and other funding sources that may be available, (4) a report on the number of people needing various types of services including an estimate of the number of people who need services but are not currently on the waiting list, (5) an estimate of the number of people who would become eligible to be on the waiting list each year for the next ten years, (6) a proposal for ways to target available funds to the most beneficial services and how providing limited benefits to some people could allow more people to be served, (7) limitations that need to be considered, such as federal requirements, noting areas where waiver authority could be reasonably requested and granted, (8) steps that could be taken to make sure that only those who truly need government support are determined to be eligible, (9) a projection of costs associated with providing services to individuals identified in the study, (10) a discussion of innovative and creative ways that private partners and charities could work with the program to meet those needs, and (11) any other considerations related to effective management strategies for the DSPD waiting list.

The Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee intends that the Department of Health report to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst by June 1, 2018 on the following: (1) What are our estimated costs to Medicaid currently from Medications that cost more than \$10,000 per month? (2) What is the estimated cost to Medicaid of the 1 year carve out that they are proposing—and exactly which year were they proposing for the carve out? And (3) Report on the possible options for a waiver or state plan amendment in which Medicaid would identify families who have a child that is receiving one of these very expensive medications and if that medical condition is a known genetic condition that can be identified by in vitro fertilization then Medicaid would offer and cover in vitro fertilization services to those families so they would now that any subsequent children that they wished to have would not be afflicted with the same medical condition.

(As a single example of the costs involved – spinal muscular atrophy – which we just started screening for in our new born exam this year. The cost to treat that condition (with the new medication nusinersen) is \$750,000 for a single patient for the first year. And that cost then continues at \$375,000 per year every year for the rest of their life. As compared to in vitro fertilization which is \$10,000 to \$15,000 one-time cost.)