

**MEDICAL RESPITE CARE PILOT PROGRAM**

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**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

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*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.**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Adult in the expansion population" means an adult:

(i) described in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII); and

(ii) not otherwise eligible for Medicaid as a mandatory categorically needy individual.

(b) "Homeless" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26-18-411.

33 (c) "Medical respite care" means short-term housing with supportive medical services.

34 (d) "Medical respite facility" means a residential facility that provides medical respite  
35 care to homeless individuals.

36 (2) Before January 1, 2022, the department shall apply for a Medicaid waiver or state  
37 plan amendment with CMS to choose a single medical respite facility to reimburse for services  
38 provided to an individual who is:

39 (a) homeless; and

40 (b) an adult in the expansion population.

41 (3) The department shall choose a medical respite facility best able to serve homeless  
42 individuals who are adults in the expansion population.

43 (4) If the waiver or state plan amendment described in Subsection (2) is approved,  
44 while the waiver or state plan amendment is in effect, the department shall submit a report to  
45 the Health and Human Services Interim Committee each year before November 30 detailing:

46 (a) the number of homeless individuals served at the facility;

47 (b) the cost of the program; and

48 (c) the reduction of health care costs due to the program's implementation.

49 (5) Through administrative rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
50 Administrative Rulemaking Act, the department shall further define and limit the services,  
51 described in this section, provided to a homeless individual.