

1 **MEDICAL RESPITE CARE PILOT PROGRAM**

2 2021 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan**

5 Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **Committee Note:**

9 The Health Reform Task Force recommended this bill.

10 Legislative Vote: 9 voting for 0 voting against 2 absent

11 **General Description:**

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

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15 This bill:

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

21 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

22 None

23 **Other Special Clauses:**

24 None

25 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

26 ENACTS:

27 **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](#).

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

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

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

(a) homeless; and

(b) an adult in the expansion population.

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

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

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

(b) the cost of the program; and

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

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