

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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Senate Bill 481 (Senator Teitelbaum. *et al.*)

Finance

**Home- and Community-Based Services for Adults with Functional
Disabilities - Medicaid Waiver**

This bill requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to investigate development of integrated care systems and the feasibility and desirability of applying for a Medicaid home- and community-based services waiver in order to maximize federal matching funds for specified individuals. The waiver would cover services to adults who: (1) have functional disabilities, including Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; (2) have family income not greater than 200% of the federal poverty level; and (3) would otherwise require nursing home institutionalization.

The bill takes effect July 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Bill Summary: The services for the waiver may include: (1) routine and emergency respite care; (2) adult day care; (3) personal care; (4) case management; and (5) homemaker services. DHMH may set a limit on the number of individuals or the geographic area of the State included in the waiver.

The bill directs DHMH, in consultation with the Department of Human Resources (DHR) and the Alzheimer's Association, to study the number and characteristics of adults with

functional disabilities, including individuals with Alzheimer's disease, who would qualify and benefit from the waiver. The study must take into consideration DHMH's plans for Medicaid long-term managed care. DHMH must work with DHR to determine whether new general funds would be necessary for the waiver and in what amount. The results of the study must be reported to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Environmental Matters Committee, and the General Assembly by December 1, 1998.

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