



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 888**

January Session, 2025

Substitute House Bill No. 7254

*House of Representatives, May 12, 2025*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGES RESULTING FROM THE MEDICAID RATE STUDY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) Not later than July 1, 2027,  
2       and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Social Services shall  
3       report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
4       statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
5       having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets  
6       of state agencies and human services on the implementation of the study  
7       of Medicaid rates of reimbursement required pursuant to section 1 of  
8       public act 23-186.

9       (b) Not later than July 1, 2030, and once every five years thereafter,  
10       the commissioner shall review Medicaid rates of reimbursement. Based  
11       on such review, the commissioner may increase and rebase, using a  
12       more current Medicare base year, any such rates as deemed necessary,  
13       in the commissioner's discretion, to ensure equality among providers.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
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**APP**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

*The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill, which requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to report on the implementation of the Medicaid provider rates study by 7/1/27, has no fiscal impact as the agency has the expertise necessary to do so.

**The Out Years**

The bill may result in an out-year cost to DSS associated with reviewing Medicaid provider rates (by 7/1/30) and implementing increases, at the agency's discretion. The actual impact depends on the extent to which various rates are reviewed and adjusted.

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**OFA Bill Analysis****HB 7254*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGES RESULTING FROM THE MEDICAID RATE STUDY.*****SUMMARY:**

The bill requires the Department of Social Services to (1) report annually, beginning 7/1/27, to the Appropriations and Human Services committees on the implementation of the Medicaid rate study required pursuant to section 1 of public act 23-186, and (2) review Medicaid rates once every five years, beginning 7/1/30. The bill allows the DSS commissioner to increase and rebase to a more recent Medicare base year, any rates the commissioner deems necessary to ensure equality among providers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 49      Nay 5      (04/24/2025)