
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 805

AN ACT REQUIRING NURSING HOMES TO SPEND NOT LESS THAN EIGHTY PER CENT OF REVENUES ON DIRECT PATIENT CARE.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) commissioner, beginning with fiscal year 2026, to require nursing homes to spend at least 80% of their funding from Medicaid, Medicare, and all other payment sources on residents' direct care. However, it allows the commissioner to adjust this percentage for nursing homes with a capital improvement project or fair rent increase DSS approved. Beginning with fiscal year 2028, the commissioner may decrease Medicaid reimbursement for any nursing home that does not comply.

Under the bill, "direct care" means hands-on care nursing personnel provide to facility residents (e.g., help with feeding, bathing, toileting, dressing, lifting or moving residents, or administering medication). It also includes nursing personnel's salary and fringe benefits and the cost of supplies to provide hands-on care. Nursing personnel include advanced practice registered nurses, registered or practical nurses, and nurse's aides.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

sSB 11, § 7, favorably reported by the Human Services Committee, also requires nursing homes to spend at least 80% of their funding on residents' direct care.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 5 (03/13/2025)