

HB 1129 -- Federal Reimbursement Allowance for In-Home Services

Sponsor: Stream

This bill authorizes a federal reimbursement allowance for in home services. "In-home services" are defined as homemaker services, personal care services, chore services, respite services, consumer-directed services, and services required to keep children out of the hospital under a plan of care created by a physician. Each in-home services provider will be required to pay an in-home services reimbursement allowance based on a formula established by the Department of Social Services.

Each in-home services provider who is subject to the provisions of the bill is required to register with the Department of Health and Senior Services and to keep records necessary to determine the total payments received for providing in-home services. Each provider is required to report the total payments received to the Department of Social Services. The Department of Health and Senior Services must provide the Department of Social Services with a list of all registered in-home services providers.

The Department of Social Services is required to determine and notify each provider of the amount of tax due. The tax may be adjusted quarterly on a prospective basis or more frequently for certain providers if the department identifies the need. If requested by the in-home services provider, the department may offset the tax owed against any MO HealthNet Program payment due the provider.

The In-Home Services Reimbursement Allowance Fund is created to provide payment to in-home services providers. All investment earnings of the fund must be credited to the fund.

For an in-home services provider with a tax due of more than 90 days, the Department of Social Services is required to send notification of the tax due. If a provider fails to pay its tax within 30 days of the notice, the tax is considered delinquent and the department may proceed with a lien against the provider's property; deny, suspend, or revoke his or her license; and cancel or refuse to issue, extend, or reinstate his or her MO HealthNet provider agreement.

The provisions of the bill will be effective upon authorization by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a federal reimbursement allowance for in-home services.

The provisions of the bill will expire September 30, 2015.