Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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BILL TOPIC: FUNDING FORMULA FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
General Fund	2,000,000	2,000,000
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: \$2,000,000 - Department of Human Services (FY 2015-16).		

^{*} This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to promulgate a rule by July 1, 2016, concerning the block distribution of state moneys to independent living centers. The rule must, at a minimum, include base funding of \$600,000 to each independent living center. Other factors that the DHS may consider in developing the funding formula include: a per capita adjustment, a per county adjustment, or other adjustments agreed to by the independent living centers. The DHS must hire a facilitator to assist with the formulation of the rule to distribute moneys to the independent living centers. By March 1, 2016, the DHS must report to the General Assembly on the status of the rule.

Background

Independent living centers provide services to individuals with disabilities to allow these individuals to live independently. The DHS currently contracts with 10 independent living centers in Colorado and received an annual appropriation of \$3,100,000 in FY 2014-15 for the program.

State Expenditures

In FY 2015-16, the bill increases expenditures in the DHS by \$2,000,000. Of this amount, \$1,600,000 is needed to ensure that each of the 10 independent living centers receives the base funding amount. An additional \$400,000 is allocated for the DHS to consider and make adjustments to other potential formula factors. The fiscal note assumes this spending will continue in future fiscal years. Of this amount, \$20,000 will be used by the DHS to contract for facilitator services.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 1, 2015, and became effective on July 1, 2015.

State Appropriations

In FY 2015-16, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$2,000,000 to the Department of Human Services.

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