

The House Committee on Human Relations and Aging offers the following substitute to SB 610:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require the Department of Community
3 Health to conduct a comprehensive review of provider reimbursement rates for home and
4 community based services covered by the waiver programs; to provide for input from the
5 public, service providers, and other stakeholders; to provide for proposed rate models and
6 estimated fiscal impact; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
7 other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
11 medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "49-4-142.4.

13 (a) Beginning Fiscal Year 2024, and at least every four years thereafter, the department
14 shall conduct a comprehensive review of provider reimbursement rates for home and
15 community based services covered by the New Options Waiver (NOW) program, the
16 Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP), the Independent Care Waiver Program

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17 (ICWP), the Georgia Pediatric Program (GAPP), and the Elderly and Disabled Waiver
18 Program (EDWP). Such review shall be conducted on all waiver services and shall include
19 input from the public, service providers, and other stakeholders.

20 (b) Based on the comprehensive review conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code
21 section, the department shall develop proposed rate models, related documentation, and
22 associated policy changes to the policies and procedures of each waiver program. In
23 addition, the department shall provide the projected fiscal impact of implementing such
24 proposed rate models. Such proposed rate models, related documentation, associated
25 policy changes, and the projected fiscal impact shall be submitted to the board, the
26 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, and the General
27 Assembly."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.