

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASELOAD ESTIMATING CONFERENCES

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Conley, Seveney, Paolino, and Miller

Date Introduced: January 16, 2019

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 35-17-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 35-17 entitled "Medical
2 Assistance and Public Assistance Caseload Estimating Conferences" is hereby amended to read
3 as follows:

4 **35-17-1. Purpose and membership.**

5 (a) In order to provide for a more stable and accurate method of financial planning and
6 budgeting, it is hereby declared the intention of the legislature that there be a procedure for the
7 determination of official estimates of anticipated medical assistance expenditures and caseloads
8 for public assistance ~~caseloads~~ shall include, but not be limited to, the following agencies: the
9 executive office of health and human services (EOHHS), the department of human services
10 (DHS), the department of children, youth and families (DCYF), and the department of behavioral
11 healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals (BHDDH), upon which the executive budget
12 shall be based and for which appropriations by the general assembly shall be made.

13 (b) The state budget officer, the house fiscal advisor, and the senate fiscal advisor shall
14 meet in regularly scheduled caseload estimating conferences (C.E.C.). These conferences shall be
15 open public meetings.

16 (c) The chairpersonship of each regularly scheduled C.E.C. will rotate among the state
17 budget officer, the house fiscal advisor, and the senate fiscal advisor, hereinafter referred to as
18 principals. The schedule shall be arranged so that no chairperson shall preside over two (2)

1 successive regularly scheduled conferences on the same subject.

2 (d) Representatives of all state agencies are to participate in all conferences for which
3 their input is germane.

4 (e) The ~~department of human services~~ executive office of health and human services
5 (EOHHS), the department of human services (DHS), the department of children, youth and
6 families (DCYF), and the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and
7 hospitals (BHDDH) shall provide monthly data to the members of the caseload estimating
8 conference by the fifteenth day of the following month. Monthly data shall include, but is not
9 limited to, actual caseloads and expenditures for the following ~~case assistance~~ programs:

10 (1) The department of human services shall report relevant caseload information and
11 expenditures for the following cash assistance categories: Rhode Island Works, SSI state
12 program, general public assistance, and child care.

13 (2) The executive office of health and human services shall report relevant caseload
14 information and expenditures for the following medical assistance categories: hospitals, long-
15 term care, managed care, pharmacy, and other medical services. In the category of managed care,
16 caseload information and expenditures shall include hospitals, long-term care, managed care,
17 pharmacy and other medical services and for the following populations shall be separately
18 identified and reported: children with disabilities, children in foster care, and children receiving
19 adoption assistance.

20 (3) The department of children, youth, and families shall report relevant caseload
21 information and expenditures for the following service categories: residential care services, foster
22 care services, behavioral health care services, adoption services/care, juvenile probation and
23 parole services/care, juvenile justice and education.

24 (4) The department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals
25 shall report relevant caseload information and expenditures for the following service categories:
26 developmental disability services, mental health services, behavioral health services, substance
27 abuse services, and hospital services, including forensics.

28 The information shall include the number of Medicaid recipients whose estate may be
29 subject to a recovery and the anticipated amount to be collected from those subject to recovery,
30 the total recoveries collected each month and number of estates attached to the collections and
31 each month, the number of open cases and the number of cases that have been open longer than
32 three (3) months.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require the participation and input of the EOHHS, DHS, DCYF and
2 BHDDH in medical assistance and public assistance caseload estimating conferences and the
3 generation of monthly data to the members of the caseload estimating conference.
4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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