

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

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SENATE, No. 1012

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

208th LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill No. 1012 (1R) of 1998 permits a Medicaid recipient to remain eligible for a "special care nursing facility" without limitation as to the length of stay if the recipient resides in a special care nursing facility of 40 beds or less, develops skills leading toward a more independent life and continues to benefit from active participation in the following: community involvement, continuing education, employment in the community, sheltered workshop, extended rehabilitation, complex care and vocational training.

AGENCY COMMENTS

The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and the Office of Management and Budget have not provided any fiscal information on the legislation.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services is not able to determine the legislation's fiscal impact as the number of Medicaid recipients who would be eligible to remain in a special care nursing facility without limitation as to the length of stay in certain situations is not known.

There are 17 special care nursing facilities with 40 beds or less in the State. These facilities have a total of about 380 licensed beds. The FY1999 Medicaid rates range between \$244 and \$490 per day (gross) before patient income offsets are applied.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.