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An act relating to developmental services.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would authorize the State Department of Developmental Services to timely implement changes necessary to comply with the federal Medicaid home- and community-based settings requirements established pursuant to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) final rules CMS-2249-F and CMS-2296-F, effective March 17, 2014, to maintain or increase federal funding pending the issuance of regulations.



LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, _____.

General Subject: Developmental services: home- and community-based services.

Existing federal law authorizes states to provide home- and community-based services to individuals with developmental disabilities under the federal Medicaid program through, among other things, a waiver or state plan amendment.

Existing law, the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, requires the State Department of Developmental Services to contract with regional centers to provide services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Existing law requires the State Department of Health Care Services and the State Department of Developmental Services to jointly seek a federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) approved 1915(i) state plan amendment to expand federal financial participation for home- and community-based services to persons with developmental disabilities provided by regional centers.



This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would authorize the State Department of Developmental Services to timely implement changes necessary to comply with the federal Medicaid home- and community-based settings requirements established pursuant to the CMS' final rules CMS-2249-F and CMS-2296-F, effective March 17, 2014, to maintain or increase federal funding pending the issuance of regulations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

